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To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-
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Deptt. of Forests, Environment & Wildlife
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar.



Sub : Proposal for diversion of 14.45 Ha. of forest land for construction of Trans Arunachal Highway (NH 52 B) from Pasighat to Pangin (0.00 Km to 20.00 Km) Road by PWD in East Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No. FOR. 5-31/CONS./2008/28,239-40 dated 28.10.2009 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the State Advisory Group (SAG), In-principle approval was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 05.01.2011 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No. FOR. 5-31/CONS/08/1451-53 dated 15.06.2012 and even no dated 11.02.2014 and confirmation from Ad-hoc CAMPA dated 26.02.2014, I am to inform that **final approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 14.45 Ha. of forest land for construction of Trans Arunachal Highway (NH 52 B) from Pasighat to Pangin (0.00 Km to 20.00 Km) Road by PWD in East Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (2) Compensatory afforestation (CA) shall be carried out over double the area diverted (29.0 ha.) of degraded forest land identified at Pasighat Station Reserve under Pasighat Forest Division as per the fund deposited by the User Agency & scheme furnished by the State Govt.
- (3) Demarcation of forest land proposed for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward and backward bearings and distance from pillar to pillar superscribed on the pillars.
- (4) The User Agency shall transfer an amount of Rs. 53.12 Lakhs (Rupees fifty three lakh twelve thousand) only being the cost of Wildlife Management Plan for this project highway segment to the Adhoc CAMPA through State Forest Department within a period of three months.
- (5) All other clearances / NOCs under different rules / regulations / local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No. 11-9/98-FC(P) dated 05.02.2013 shall be complied with.



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- (6) The user agency will undertake comprehensive soil and water conservation measures at the project cost.
 - (7) The overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the road. The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed off at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
 - (8) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the roads within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.
 - (9) The tree felling shall be done, only, when it is absolutely necessary and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
 - (10) The user agency shall restrict the felling of trees to the minimum within the ROW, preferably not extending to 15 m width.
 - (11) No damage to flora and fauna of the area shall be caused.
 - (12) No labour camp shall be established inside the forest area.
 - (13) The user agency shall provide fuel wood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling of trees or buy the fuel wood from the extracted timber from the Forest Department to be used by labourers.
 - (14) The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed off at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck / debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
 - (15) The muck dumping area shall be stabilized and plantation of suitable species shall be carried out over stabilized dumps on the cost of the user agency under the supervision of State Forest Department.
 - (16) The designing of the culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of the water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.
 - (17) All site specific engineering structures like retaining walls, breast wall and drainage shall be constructed to avoid any soil erosion and slope stability of the concerned hills.
 - (18) The user agency will involve an environmentalist to advise the user agency on protection of flora & fauna and associated mitigative measures.
 - (19) The user agency will assist the State Government in conservation and preservation of flora and fauna of the area in accordance with the plan prepared by the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State. Attention will be particularly given to providing safe crossings and corridors for wildlife species and protecting sensitive habitats like wetlands, grasslands and woodlands from degradation. Where canopy continuity is required for particular species, special measures shall be prescribed by the CWLW for providing crossing points. Where certain trees used for nesting / rookeries of species like birds of prey, herons, storks, hornbills, etc., are to be destroyed, alternative structure shall be provided and the trees transplanted. This conservation plan will be implemented by the State Government at the cost of the user agency.
 - (20) The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
 - (21) The User Agency will have to obtain the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 clearance for removal, if any, of stones, river sand, river boulders in forest land.

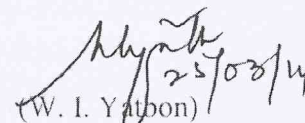


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- (22) The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the Divisional Forest Officer, Pasighat Forest Division.
- (23) In case of any violation of the stipulated conditions immediate action is to be taken by the Forest Department as per Ministry's letter No. 5-5/86/FC dated 07.12.1999 and this office letter No. 2-1-51/2004/RONE/Vol II/3181-02 dated 28.12.2006.
- (24) The layout of the plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (25) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (26) Any other conditions, as may be found appropriate in future for the betterment of environment & wildlife, may be imposed by North Eastern Regional Office.
- (27) This approval may be revoked if the above conditions of approval is not complied to the satisfaction of the North Eastern Regional Office, Shillong.
- (28) The user agency shall submit an annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the Regional Office Shillong regularly.

This is issued with the approval of Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C).

Yours faithfully,


(W. I. Yabon)

Dy. Conservator of Forests (C)

Copy to :

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Env. & Forests, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Environment & Forests Department, Itanagar.
2. IGF (Forest Conservation), Ministry of Environment, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, as per their letter No. 1-3/2012-CAMPA dtd. 26.02.2014.

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