

NHIDCL/RO-Aizawl/Forest/2021/684

Date: 13.10.2021

To,

Addl.principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal officer
Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department
Government of Mizoram.

Sub:- Proposal seeking diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

Ref:-Letter no F.no.11-423/2011-FC of Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division) Dated 22, May 2019.

Sir,

In line With the referenced letter's para (a) states that *"The State /UTs having forest land of more than 75% of their respective total geographical area, shall not be insisted upon providing non-forest land (for subsequently notifying into RF/PF) equal to the forest area diverted for non-forest purposes in the same State/UT. However, the same may be taken up in any other State/UT having deficient forest land/cover and having land bank for CA"*.

2. These road construction projects are awaiting for the stage one approval from the Forest Department since a long time. They are in application level only on Parivesh portal till date due to non availability of CA land from LRS (Revenue) department to Forest Dept. The LRS dept. found the land 2 times but due to Local Village council's deny that was not materialised.

a) FP/MZ/ROAD/117867/2020-Rehabilitation and Up-gradation to 2-lane with paved shoulders of Seling-Dulte section (Economic Corridor) of NH-6 from Existing Chainage km 0+000 to km 69+015 (Design Chainage km 0+000 to km 62+200).-Area 27.850022 Pending since 29 Dec 2020 after submission of Hard copy physically.

b) FP/MZ/ROAD/139992/2021-Construction of 2-laning with hard shoulder configuration of NH-302 and NH-54 (A) from Lunglei-Tlabung section of NH-302 in the State of Mizoram Under 'Bharatmala Pariyojana' on EPC mode.-Area 39.81 Pending since 29 Mar 2021 after submission of Hard copy physically.

Mizoram state is having 86.27 percent of Forest land Geographically to Total Geographical area as per the Forest survey of India (FSI) report published in 2017.

State / UT	Geographical Area	Very dense	Moderately dense	Open forest	Total forest area	% of forested area
Mizoram	21,081	131	5,861	12,194	18,186	86.27%

Construction of national highways in the state of Mizoram is the priority of the Mizoram state govt. and as well as The Central Govt. of India. This road network connectivity will improve the economical, social, industrial and overall beneficial for the growth of the state.

In the preview of the above referenced letter's para (a), We request you to process the above Proposals without insisting for the non forestry land (Revenue) for the Compensatory afforestation. Your good self can demand for the double compensatory afforestation expenditure as per the provision to do CA in the degraded lands of the state forest area.

Enclo:- As above


(Paleti Brahmanandam)
General Manager (LA&Coord)

Copy to: All PMU's, Mizoram for the information and necessary action from your end
And persue the matter from Divisional Level.

F. No. 11-423/2011-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road,
New Delhi - 110003
Dated: 22nd May 2019

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
All States/UT Governments

Sub: Proposal seeking diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 190 - Special consideration of compensatory afforestation in forest rich States - reg.

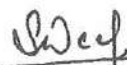
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the minutes of the meeting dated 23rd April, 2019 of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) wherein the FAC considered the issue mentioned in the subject above. The FAC, after deliberation on the issue, recommended as under:

- (a) The states/UTs having forest land of more than 75% of their respective total geographical area, shall not be insisted upon providing non-forest land (for subsequently notifying into RF/PF) equal to the forest area diverted for non-forest purposes in the same state/UT. However, the same may be taken up in any other state/UT having deficient forest land/cover and having land bank for CA.
- (b) Isolated patches having area less than 5 ha are difficult to manage as forests. Hence, no non-forest land, having area less than 5 ha area shall be accepted for CA purpose. However, land parcels, if contiguous to RF/PF, can be accepted for CA irrespective of their sizes, subject to their suitability for CA. In case of forest area under diversion is less than 5 ha, efforts should be made to identify non-forest land contiguous to some RF/PF. User agency shall fence all such land parcels properly and mutate the same in the name of Forest Department before handing them over to the Forest Department. All such land parcels shall be compact (i.e. without any pockets of habitation or non-forest land) and free from any encumbrances.
- (c) Land parcels, if contiguous to National Parks/WL Sanctuaries, can be accepted for CA irrespective of their sizes and suitability for CA, subject to condition that the same shall be mutated in the name of Forest Department, notified as RF/PF and thereafter merged with concerned National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary with suitable declaration, prior to stage-II approval by MoEF&CC.

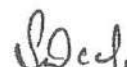
This issues with the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma) 22.5.19
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), All States/UT Governments.
2. The Addl. Director General (Central), All Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC.
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), All States/UT Governments
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
5. Guard File.


(Sandeep Sharma) 22.5.19
Assistant Inspector General of Forests