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सेवामे,

अतिरिक्तप्रमुखसचिव / Addl. Chief Secretary,
वन और पर्यावरण विभाग/Forest and Environment Department
मणिपुर की सरकार / Government of Manipur,
इंफाल -Imphal – 795 001.

Sub : Diversion of 24.001 ha of forest land for improvement and upgradation of existing road to 4 lane with paved shoulders of Imphal - Kohima section of NH-39 (New NH-02), from Kuraopokpi (km 287.000) to Nilakuthi (km 308.729) in the state of Manipur on EPC mode by NHIDCL.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government of Manipur letter No.F.27/47/2020-For.&Env dated 08.03.2021 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the REC on 27.04.2021 and the In-principle approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter dated 31.05.2021 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Govt has furnished compliance report in respect to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the compliance report furnished by the Government of Manipur vide letter No. F.27/47/2020-F&E dated 18.10.2024 and transfer of payment of compensatory levies under CAMPA by user agency, **Final approval (Stage-II)** of the Central Government hereby granted under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of **24.001 ha** of forest land for improvement and upgradation of existing road to 4 lane with paved shoulders of Imphal - Kohima section of NH-39 (New NH-02), from Kuraopokpi (km 287.000) to Nilakuthi (km 308.729) in the state of Manipur on EPC mode by NHIDCL, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

1. The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department in 2 (two) patches i.e. **42.00 ha** identified in Compartment No. 12 of Kangpokpi Range, Kangpokpi Forest Division in Kangpokpi District and **6.8 ha** in Compartment No. 6, Sadar West Range, Central Forest Division in Imphal West District, Manipur as per the funds deposited by the User Agency. As far as possible, mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
3. The user agency shall arrange to raise strip plantation on either side of the road and central verge at project cost, as per IRC specification, with maintenance of 7-10 years. Avenue plantation with RET species, fruit bearing plants and other native species of ecological and economic importance and that the State Forest Department shall solicit the active participation of JFMC for nursery raising and production of Quality Planting materials for the plantations.
4. The additional NPV, if any, shall be calculated as per the latest guidelines of MoEF & CC dated 06.01.2022.

5. The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal by the State Government, if any.
6. The User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
7. The boundary of the forest land being diversion shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high pillars, each pillar inscribed with its serial number, GPS coordinates and forward & backward bearings of the adjoining pillars as per the direction of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
8. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
9. The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
10. The designing of the culverts/bridge, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.
11. Overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the road. The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed of at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
12. The User Agency will provide retaining walls, breast walls and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable.
13. The User Agency will undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department.
14. 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.
15. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
16. There should be no damage to the surrounding forests, environment, wildlife, natural resources and other properties.
17. The layout of the plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
18. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
19. The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly.

20. The User Agency, if required, shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 issued under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.
21. Any other conditions that the Regional Office, Shillong may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forests & Wildlife.
22. The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
23. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

This is issued with the approval of Deputy Director General of Forests (C).

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(Mrs. L. J. Syiemiong)

वनउपमहानिरीक्षक (केंद्रीय) /Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C)

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