

Government of Manipur
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF
Sanjenthong, Imphal.

No. 7/315/2022/Forests: 575

Imphal, the 4th November, 2024

To

The Special Chief Secretary (For &Envt.)
Government of Manipur

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 55.5904 ha of forest land for Widening/improvement of existing road Chakpikarong -Sajik -Aigejang -Khongtal (19.5 KM to 41.657 KM) to NHSL Specifications in the State of Manipur by 84 RCC (GREF). **Submission of Compliance Report - Reg.**

Sir,

I am to say that the Central Government vide letter No.3-MN C 054/2022-SHI 2937-38 dated 18th January, 2023 conveyed the 'In-Principle Approval' for diversion of 55.5904 ha of forest land for Widening/improvement of existing road Chakpikarong -Sajik -Aigejang -Khongtal (19.5 KM to 41.657 KM) to NHSL Specifications in the State of Manipur by 84 RCC (GREF) under Section-2 of FCA (1980) subject to compliance of stipulated conditions mentioned in the IPA. The User Agency and Divisional Forest Officer/Chandel Forest Division, have complied with the said conditions and the Compliance Report is given below.

A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

Para No.	Stipulated Conditions	Details of Compliance
1.	The user agency shall transfer, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the Ministry's Guideline No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol.I) dated 06.01.2022 and even No. dated 19.01.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State concerned;	Complied. The User Agency had deposited a total sum of Rs. 6,51,02,940/- (Rupees Six Crore Fifty-One Lakh Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty) only as cost of NPV to CAMPA account through PARIVESH e-portal dated 22/03/2023. Payment details enclosed as Annexure- I
2.	The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;	Complied. The User Agency had deposited a total sum of Rs. 1,41,27,800/- (Rupees One Crore Forty-One Lakh Twenty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred only) as cost of Compensatory Afforestation to CAMPA account PARIVESH e-portal dated 22/03/2023. Payment details enclosed as Annexure- I
3.	The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising Avenue plantation on the road side in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State only through e-portal;	Complied. The User Agency had deposited a total sum of Rs. 4,62,31,640/- (Rupees Four Crore Sixty-Two Lakh Thirty-One Thousand Six Hundred Forty only) as cost of Avenue Plantation to CAMPA account PARIVESH e-portal dated 22/03/2023. Payment details enclosed as Annexure- I
4.	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA account only through e-portal(https://parivesh.nic.in). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance;	Complied as in sl. 1, 2 & 3 above



5.	The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;	Complied. The User Agency deposited a sum of Rs. 1,32,42,800/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty-Two Lakh Forty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred only) for felling and extraction of trees to the account of the Divisional Forest Officer/Chandel Forest Division. As reported by the DFO/Chandel in its Compliance Report (para-A. 5) Extraction of trees completed, felled trees auctioned and revenue deposited to State Treasury. Chaffan copy enclosed as Annexure- II
6.	The cost for boundary demarcation of the diversion forest land shall be shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;	Complied. The User Agency deposited a sum of Rs. 21,57,840/- (Rupees Twenty-One Lakh Fifty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty only) for cost for boundary demarcation to the account of the Divisional Forest Officer/Chandel Forest Division. As reported by the DFO/Chandel in its Compliance Report (para-A. 6) work is in progress Photographs and Undertaking for completion of work is enclosed as Annexure-II
7.	The State Govt shall submit revised CA Scheme after proper assessment of the soil with additional provision for soil amendments, if required, and found acceptable;	CA Scheme Revised after proper assessment of the soil with additional provision for soil amendments (copy enclosed). The same was submitted to UA and also complied by UA as stated in para 2 above.
8.	Undertaking from the user agency to undertake special measures for prevention of landslide / erosion by biological or mechanical measures and stabilization of side slope to avoid soil erosion and landslides as per requirement and proposed in the Muck Dumping Plan;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-III
9.	The monitoring of the proposed area to be diverted shall be conducted by IRO, Shillong prior to Stage-II approval;	To be complied by IRO, Shillong.
10.	Muck Dumping Plan to be made available to DFOs with instructions to ensure dumping only on dumping sites for each of the respective road widening/improvement and also contractors should be properly sensitized by the User Agency for proper muck dumping;	Complied by U.A.
11.	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, . 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter I of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-Fc dated 28.03.2019;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-IV
12.	The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before issuing work permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as the case may be;	To be complied by DFO/Chandel
13.	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/);	Shall be uploaded

B: Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

Para No.	Stipulated Conditions	Details of Compliance
1.	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-V
2.	Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over equivalent the area diverted in degraded forest land identified over 55.5904 Ha in Compartment No.27, Reserved Forest Block, Gelbungjang Centre, Chandel Forest Division in Chandel District;	Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by DFO/Chandel once fund is released to State Forest Department.
3.	The overburden shall not be dumped outside the diverted land. 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;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. Annexure-VI
4.	The State Govt shall ensure that the user agency provide proper drainage of retaining / breast wall in steep slopes and stabilization of side slope to avoid soil erosion and landslides and provide for proper drains / cross drains. Physical barriers / structures to prevent muck from entering streams & rivers and* other ecologically sensitive areas are to be constructed on the lower slope side, if required, before any construction work are started;	DFO shall ensure its compliance.
5.	User agency may raise strip plantation on both sides of the road as per the IRC norms as per the fund deposited by the User Agency;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-VII
6.	Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-VIII
7.	The user agency shall provide suitable under / over pass in Protected Area / Forest Area as per recommendation of CWLW / NBWL / FAC / REC, if applicable;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-IX
8.	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-X
9.	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-XI
10.	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;	To be complied by DFO
11.	The user agency shall undertake re-grassing of the muck dumping area and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-XII
12.	The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;	Not applicable as reported by U.A.
13.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-XIII
14.	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-XIV
15.	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-XV
16.	The boundary of the diversion forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the direction of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-XVI
17.	Wherever possible and technically feasible, User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the road within the area diverted under this approval;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-XVII

18.	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution materials for execution of the project work;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-XVIII
19.	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less;	Noted
20.	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-XIX
21.	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;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-XX
22.	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;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-XXI
23.	The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-XXIII
24.	All other clearance/NOCs under different applicable rules/regulations /local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights)Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No. 11-9/1998-FC(pt) dated 03.08.2009 shall be complied with;	Undertaking enclosed by U.A. as Annexure-XXIV. FRA copy enclosed
25.	As per Ministry's letter No 11-30/96-FC(Pt) dt 14.9.2001, if the compliance of stipulated conditions is awaited from the State Govt for more than 5(five) years, the in-principle approval would be summarily be revoked considering that the user agency is no longer interested in the project;	Noted

Based on the fulfilment of conditions stipulated in the 'In-Principle Approval' dated 18th January, 2023, the MoEF & CC may be requested to accord 'STAGE-II Approval' of the above proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Enclosed:

1. IPA Letter No.3 MN C 0547/2022-SHI/2937-38 dated 18th January, 2023.
2. Compliance report submitted by the DFO/Chandel Forest Division.
3. Compliance report submitted by the User Agency (84 RCC/GREF)

Yours faithfully,


(Anurag Bajpai)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF
Government of Manipur

Copy to:

1. The Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), RO, Shillong, MoEF & CC, Govt. of India.
2. The Conservator of Forests/Eastern Circle, Government of Manipur.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer/Chandel Forest Division, Government of Manipur.
4. The EE (Civ), OC-84 RCC/25 BRTF.

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