

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 18th October, 2021

To,

Regional Officer,
Integrated Regional Office,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Uplands Road, Laitumkhrah,
Shillong-793003, Meghalaya.

Sub: Diversion of 116.589 hectare of forest land in favour of M/s. Lafarge Umiam Mining Private Limited for limestone mining and other Ancillary activities in Sohra Tehsil, East Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya.

Sir,

I am directed to inform that the issues relating to change in conditions stipulated in Stage-II approval for compensatory afforestation were considered by FAC in its meeting held on 17.09.2021. The corresponding details may be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. After thorough deliberation and discussion with PCCF/Nodal Officer Meghalaya and IRO Shillong, the FAC observed that *at first instance IRO Shillong and the State Government in consultation with Ministry may verify, besides others, if the change in the condition of CA from degraded forest to Non-forest land has any implication on the Stage-I approval (particularly the conditions) by the Ministry, that was filed by way of affidavit in IA no.s .1868, 2091, 2225-2227, 2380, 2568 and 2937 in the WP (C) No. 202 of 1995 Lafarge Umiam Mining Pvt. Ltd. vs Union of India & Ors. in the Hon'ble Supreme court of India which was decided in 2011.*

In view of above, Integrated Regional Office, Shillong is requested to take necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests(FC)

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.

3. The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Forests and Environment Department, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong-793003, Meghalaya.
4. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Forest Department, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
7. Guard File.