

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

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New Delhi-110 003,
Dated: 29th September, 2020

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Meghalaya,
Shillong.

Sub: Proposal for 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 refer to Govt. of Meghalaya's letter No.FOR.72/2007/Pt-I/Vol-11/939 dated 13.09.2019 requesting to advise whether M/s Lafarge Umiam Mining Pvt. Ltd could be directed to raise compensatory afforestation over non-forest land instead of degraded forest land as stipulated in Stage -1 approval letter.

2. In this regard, a meeting with the officials of State Govt., Regional Office, Shillong and User Agency was convened on 06.08.2020 through Video Conference (VC) under the chairmanship of IGF(FC) to discuss the issue for raising compensatory afforestation in lieu of diversion of 116.589 hectare of forest land in favour of M/s. Lafarge Umiam Mining Private Limited. It was decided that if State Government want to deviate from any or more conditions specified in the approval granted to M/s Lafarge Umiam Mining Pvt. Ltd under FCA 1980, then the State Government may submit a proposal for the same, with justification for the same and consent of user agency, to the Ministry for necessary action.

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(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests(FC)

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.
2. The Dy. Director General (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office (NEZ), Uplands Road, Laitumkhrah, Shillong-793003
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA),O/o PCCF, Forest Deptt, Govt of Meghalaya, Shillong.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi to upload and issue.