

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

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To,

The Special Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment & Forests,
Government of Assam,
Dispur,

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1)(ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 diversion of 5.11 ha of deemed forest land for operation of Bheleuguri Stone Mahal in favour of Md. Kamal Ahmed in Doboka Reserved Forest under Nagaon Division, in Hojai District of Assam (Online proposal No. FP/AS/QRY/148460/2021)- regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Assam letter No. eCF No.198419/283 dated 02.08.2024 forwarding additional information as sought vide Ministry's letter dated 22.05.2024 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this regard it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 23.09.2024. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting are uploaded at parivesh.nic.in. The Committee had detailed discussion and deliberation with the DIGF (Central), Regional Office, Shillong and Nodal Officer, Government of Assam. After going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made by the Nodal Officer, Government of Assam, the Committee decided to defer the proposal and observed the following:

- i. Recommendations of CWLW shall be submitted as the proposed area is falling within notified Elephant Reserve.
- ii. State Government shall submit a revised enumeration list of trees to be felled in the proposed area along with their species and diameters.
- iii. The State Government shall submit a CA suitability certificate for the proposed CA site duly certified by officer not below the DCF/DFO.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to furnish clarification/information, as indicated above, for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

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(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF & HoFF, Govt. of Assam, Guwahati
2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Shillong.
3. The CCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Assam, Guwahati.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.
5. The User Agency.