

**F.No. 3TRC008/2022-SHI**  
 Government of India  
 Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change  
 (Forest Conservation Division)

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**Dated:07-11-2025**

To

**The Additional Secretary (Forests),**  
 Government of Tripura,  
 Forest Department  
 Tripura.

**Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in f/o Executive Engineer, Tripura Central Division-I, CPWD, Agartala for non-forestry use of 14.23188 ha of forest land for establishment of General Pool Residential Area (GPRA) Complex, CPWD at Gandigram under West District, in the State of Tripura (FP/TR/Others/118639/2021)– regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Tripura letter dated 18.02.2022 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 to inform that the matter was discussed in the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 27.10.2025. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting may kindly be accessed at [parivesh.nic.in](http://parivesh.nic.in). The Committee after detailed discussion and deliberation with the DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Shillong, 'deferred' the proposal for obtaining following information from the State Government:

- i. Clarity on the applicability of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in the forest lands including the unclassed forest lands was provided by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in order dated 12.12.1996, therefore, the State Government needs to inform the details of forest land, if any broken or cleared after 12.12.1996 or whether the entire forest land was cleared prior to 12.12.1996.
- ii. Land use plan indicating the area already utilized and the area proposed to be utilized in future shall be submitted by the State Government.

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

Digitally signed by  
**CHARAN JEET SINGH** Yours faithfully,  
 Date: 08-11-2025  
 11:45:23

*Sd/-*  
**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
Scientist 'E'

**Copy to:**

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Tripura.
2. DDGF (C), Regional Office, Shillong of MoEF&CC.
3. User Agency.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading.