

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

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New Delhi: 110003,
Dated:01-11-2024

To,

The Secretary (Forests),

Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Government of Mizoram,

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in f/o Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Mizoram for non-forestry use of 63.441 ha Reserved forest land for construction of National Institute of Technology in Aizawl District in the State of Mizoram (Online Proposal No FP/MZ/SCH/148602/2021)- regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Mizoram's letter No. G.20015/61/2018-FST/555-556 dated 28.05.2024 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 14.10.2024. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting are uploaded at parivesh.nic.in.

Based on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and approval of the same by the competent authority of the MoEF&CC, the Central Government hereby amend the penal provisions stipulated in the in-principle approval dated 7.06.2023, as given under:

- i. The quantum of penalty may not be reduced, however, same should be rationalized in the most pragmatic way, without compromising the conservation principles.
- ii. Penal NPV shall be levied, at the rate of five times of NPV over actual area under violation, i.e. 17.209 ha. However, the actual amount to be levied would be 20% of the amount calculated, the project being a Government entity, as per the extant provision, NPV shall be levied.
- iii. Penal CA shall be levied over five times of 17.209 ha of DFL. Alternatively, the State Government may pledge equal amount of NFL with vegetation cover of more than 0.4 canopy density. This would bring more area under the notified forest area network, thereby more area under scientific forest management.
- iv. The Government of Mizoram shall demarcate all the forest land in State to avoid similar complications in future. A time-bound action plan should be made, which will be submitted to MoEFCC.

The penal provisions stipulated in the in-principle approval dated 7.06.2023 stands amended to the extent as mentioned above. The State Govt. is requested to submit compliance of in-principle approval dated accordingly.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

Sd-
(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'E'

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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
2. The PCCF & HoFF, Govt. of Mizoram.
3. The Nodal Officer, Government of Mizoram.
4. The DDGF (C) Regional Office, Shillong, MoEF&CC.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.
6. The User Agency.