

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

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests and Environment,
Government of Meghalaya,
Shillong.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Green Valley Industries Ltd. for non-forestry use of 11.09 ha of deemed forest land for Opencast Limestone Mining Project (10.71 Ha Mining Area + 0.38 ha approach road to mine) located at Madan Pyrda, Chiehruphi village in East Jaintia Hills District of Meghalaya (Online Proposal No.FP/ML/MIN/40422/2019)– regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Meghalaya letter No.FOR.64/2021/91 dated 18.04.2022 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the 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 17.01.2024. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting are uploaded at parivesh.nic.in. After detailed discussion and deliberation with the DIGF (C), RO, Shillong and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Meghalaya and after going through the facts of the proposal, the Committee decided that:

- i. A site inspection keeping all aspects in view including the vulnerability of the area to erosion shall be carried out by the Regional Office, Shillong and detailed report shall be submitted to the Ministry with specific recommendations .
- ii. Since the proposal being near to the Eco-Sensitive Zone of the Narpuh Wildlife Sanctuary and habitat of Hollock gibbon and elephants, the State Forest Department and Regional Office, Shillong will do a stakeholder consultation and submit a report on the cumulative impact of the activity proposed, need of conservation of critically endangered species in the area and proposed mitigation measures for further consideration of the proposal.

In view of the above, Regional Office, Shillong and Government of Meghalaya is requested to kindly furnish above information at the earliest for further

processing of the proposal under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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