

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

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**Dated: April, 2024**

**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) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s. Lafarge Umiam Mining Pvt. Ltd. for non-forestry use of 116.589 ha of forest land for limestone mining and other Ancillary activities in Sohra Tehsil, East Khasi Hills District in the State of Meghalaya-change in CA condition/sites (Online Proposal No. FP/ML/MIN/1038/2007)– regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Meghalaya letter No. FOR.72/2007/Pt-I/Vol-II/2274 dated 26.02.2023 on the above-mentioned subject forwarding a copy of letter received from Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Conservator & CAMPA, Meghalaya wherein a CA scheme over an area of 116.589 ha. with a financial outlay of ₹11,95,30,353/- and additional amount of ₹79,50,000/- for purchasing 4 monitoring vehicles proposed by DFO, East Khasi Hills & Ri-Bhoi (T) Division, Shillong has been attached along with the letter for information and necessary action.

In this regard, the matter was examined and following is observed:-

1. The State Government shall ensure compliance of conditions stipulated in the final approval granted for extant forest Diversion and accordingly ensure the compensatory afforestation of 116.589Ha over Non-Forest land.
2. As per the decision of Advisory Committee, duly approved by competent authority, communicated vide Ministry's letter No. 8-64/2007FC dated 21.12.2023, the State Government shall adjust the CA levies already deposited by the User Agency.
3. With respect to the CA scheme, it may be noted that all CA schemes, including any monitoring activities and expenses prepared are to be as per the guidelines issued by National CAMPA and approved by the respective competent authorities in the State Forest Department.
4. The provisions appended over and above the CA scheme are not part of the stipulated conditions by this ministry.

Yours faithfully,  
**Sd/-**  
**(S. Sundar)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

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.