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

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**Dated: As per e-Signature**

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 the Government of Tripura letter NoF.6-1071/LAND/For-2015/Part-I/1033.34 dated 09.01.2024 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. After examination of information submitted by the State Government, it was observed that additional information is required from the State Government:

- i. In the light of constructions of quarters in 2002 & 2016 as per chronology of events submitted, the State Government to provide the details of forest land broken up after 12.12.1996 along with the extent (in hectares) and order copy of competent authority that had permitted the same.
- ii. User Agency has mentioned in their note that 40 acres (16.18 Ha.) of land situated in mouza- Gandhigram, Agratala, West Tripura was handed over to the CPWD vide letter no. F 34(66)-REV/78 (Shadow) dated 20.08.1978. However, copy of the same is not submitted along with the proposal, the same needs to be submitted to ascertain whether the purpose of the land handed over to CPWD has been served.
- iii. It is further mentioned that out of 40 Acres, 8.10 Acres has been used for construction of road, park, play ground etc. and 4.26 Acres for establishment of other infrastructures leaving the rest measuring 24.12 acres vacant, unoccupied and un-utilized. However, apart from area utilized for construction of road, park, play ground and other infrastructures, remaining area is coming upto 27.64 Acres. Details of balance area i.e.  $27.64 - 24.12 = 3.52$  Acres needs to be submitted.
- iv. Compensatory Afforestation has been proposed over 28.46 ha degraded

forest land (North Sonamura PRF) identified at 3 (three) locations i.e. 16 ha, 6.46 ha & 6 ha in CS Plot No. 176, Khatian No. 2/7, mouja-Kalamchoura, Sonamuara Civil Sub-Division, Boxanagar Range. As per Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 CA has to be proposed over equivalent non-forest land. Accordingly, CA shall be identified over equivalent non-forest land and revised CA details viz. site specific CA scheme, site suitability certificate, KML filer and DGPS map may be submitted. If NFL is not available, then a certificate from Chief Secretary stating non availability of NFL may be submitted.

In view of the above, Government of Tripura is requested to kindly furnish above information at the earliest for further processing of the proposal under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-**

**(S. Sundar)**

Assistant Inspector General of

Forests

**Copy to:**

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