

File No. 8-69/2003-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 128.97 ha. of Reserved Forest for Open Cast Mining Project in Namchik-Namphuk Coal Fields in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh- regarding request for transfer of lease in respect of diversion of forest land for open cast coal mining in Namchik Namphuk Coal Mine in Changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh along with Stage-I and Stage- II approval granted in favour of M/s. Arunachal Pradesh Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited to M/s. Coal Pulz Private Limited (Online Proposal No. FP/AR/MIN/611/2003)- regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Government of Arunachal Pradesh's letter No. FOR.14-7/Cons/2002/169-72 dated 30.04.2003 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After careful examination of the proposal by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the said Act, '*in-principle*' approval for the said diversion was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 09.06.2004 and subsequently final approval for partial forest land of 39.02 ha was granted on 10.04.2006 by the Ministry. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the '*in-principle*' approval and has requested the Central Government to grant *final approval*.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report submitted by the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh vide letter No. FOR.14-7/Cons/2002/5259-61 dated 17.12.2024 '**final approval**' of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 M/s. Arunachal Pradesh Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited to M/s. Coal Pulz Private Limited, for non-forestry use of 89.95 ha. of forest land out of total 128.97 ha of Reserved Forest for Open Cast Mining Project in Namchik-Namphuk Coal Fields in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh, State, subject to the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. *The user agency shall abide by all conditions stipulated in the approvals*

granted on 9.04.2004 and 10.04.2006 by the Ministry;

- iii. *Compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 180 ha of village/unclassified degraded forest land identified at Pakiapu VFR (90 ha) & Krema-Pao VFR (90 ha) from the funds already realized from the user agency.*
- iv. *Before handing over the forest land to the user agency, the village forests/Unclassed forest land proposed for CA shall be notified as Protected Forest land under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 of local Acts, if the same was not notified earlier.*
- v. *Provisions of the Bio-diversity Management Plan, prepared by the State government shall be implemented by the State Forest Department as per the guidelines issued for implementation of Wildlife management plan under the VSES 1980. Further the amount for Bio-diversity management plan should be deposited in CAMPA at the time of submission of compliance of Stage-II.*
- vi. *The user agency shall submit a separate proposal for diversion of 4.63 ha of forest land involved in the mining lease for the prior approval of the Central Government under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in accordance with the relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry in this regard.*
- vii. The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- viii. The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that the no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- ix. The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- x. The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that the forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xi. The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- xii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions and for which they has submitted the undertakings to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and this Ministry by the end of March every year;
- xiii. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the approvals dated 9.04.2004 and 10.04.2006 for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and the user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, complete compliance of FRA, 2006, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

- xiv. The violation of any of the conditions mentioned above shall amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.16 of consolidated guidelines and clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 issued vide this Ministry F. No.5-2/2017-FC dated 29th December, 2023.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority of the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'E'

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shillong.
3. The APCCF–cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.