



Government of Assam
Office of the Divisional Forest Officer
Digboi Division: Digboi

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Letter No. A/Rehabilitation of Laika FV/2023/ ৪৭৪ - ৭০২

Dated: 20/03/2023

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer (F. C. Act)
O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam,
Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari, Guwahati-37

Sub:- "In-Principle Approval" for forest diversion proposal of 238 Ha for relocation of forest village Laika in Paharpur Reserved Forests and Namphai Reserved Forests under Digboi Division.

Ref:- Your office letter No.FG.27/FCA/Relocation of Forest Village/Digboi dated. 13/04/2021.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I have the honour to submit herewith the compliance report to the stipulated conditions contained in the "In-Principle Approval for diversion of 238 Ha of forest land for relocation of the Forest Village from Laika in Dibru-Saikhowa National Park to Paharpur and Namphai RF under Digboi Forest Division" in Tinsukia District of Assam accorded by the Govt. of India vide File. No.8-01/2021-FC dated 29/03/2021 as stated below.

2A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and compliance to be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:-

Sl.No. 2A	Compliance conditions	Reply
i.	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector:	Complied. Compliance of the FRA, 2006 has been obtained by way of prescribed NOC for 72 Ha forest land in Namphai RF and 166 Ha forest land in Paharpur RF under Digboi Forest Division from the District Collector, Tinsukia District vide No. TPL.17/Forest Matters/2020/301 dt. 01/09/2021 & TPL.17/Forest Matters/2020/408 dt. 06/03/2023 respectively. Copy enclosed as Annexure 2A (I) & 2A (I₂) .
ii.	The State Govt. shall submit the approved R & R Plan from the concerned authority:	Rehabilitation & Relocation Plan has already been submitted along with the proposal. Copy enclosed as Annexure 2A (II) .
iii.	State Govt. would carry out relocation, social economic analysis which would be submitted to this Ministry:	The State Government has constituted an inter departmental committee headed by the Hon'ble Revenue Minister of Assam, to converge the schemes of various departments. This committee will provide for the various socio-economic needs of the rehabilitated villagers. The minutes of the committee is attached as Annexure 2A (III) .
iv.	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal(https://parivesh.nic.in/)	The compliance report will be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).
v.	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation), Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.	Undertaking submitted as Annexure - 2A (IV) .

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2B. Conditions which need to be complied on field after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:-

Sl.No. 2B	Compliance conditions	Reply
i.	The legal status of the diverted forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for relocation/rehabilitation of villages from National Parks/Sanctuaries/Tiger Reserves shall cease to be forest land.	Undertaking submitted as Annexure 2B(I)
ii.	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required:	Environment Clearance is not needed as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 for the said project.
iii.	The Land vacated in the protected area due to relocation of village shall be developed as per approved Wild Management Plan/NTCA guidelines/CWLW:	Undertaking submitted as Annexure 2B(III)
iv.	State Forest Department at appropriate level shall be made part of the body responsible for preparing detailed layout plan of the village so as to ensure that as far as possible naturally growing trees are retained along the roads, in the school, other Government/public utility complexes around the boundaries of the village, as natural grove:	Undertaking submitted as Annexure 2B(IV)
v.	Connectivity of the proposed residential site of the village to the metal road should be worked out in advance:	Undertaking submitted as Annexure 2B (V)
vi.	No fragmentation of forests should take place due to the relocation project:	An undertaking in this regard is attached as Annexure 2B (VI) .
vii.	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas:	An undertaking in this regard is attached as Annexure 2B (VII) .
viii.	Felling of trees on the forest land being diverted shall be reduced to the bare minimum and the trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department:	Undertaking submitted in this regard as Annexure 2B (VIII) .
ix.	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Department Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel:	Undertaking submitted in this regard as Annexure 2B (IX) .
x.	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer:	Undertaking submitted in this regard as Annexure 2B (X) .
xi.	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:	An undertaking in this respect is annexed as Annexure 2B (XI) .
xii.	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused:	An undertaking in this respect is annexed as Annexure 2B (XII) .
xiii.	The layout plan of the mining plan /proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government:	An undertaking in this respect is attached as Annexure 2B (XIII) .

xiv.	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigation measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area:	An undertaking in this respect is attached as Annexure 2B (XIV) .
xv.	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:	An undertaking in this regard is enclosed as Annexure 2B (XV) .
xvi.	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly:	An undertaking in this regard is enclosed as Annexure 2B (XVI) .
xvii.	The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, 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.	An undertaking in this regard is enclosed as Annexure 2B (XVII) .

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Enclo:- As stated above.

Yours faithfully

(T.C.Ranjith Ram, IFS)
Divisional Forest Officer
Digboi Division, Digboi

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Assam, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari, Guwahati-37 for favour of his kind information and necessary action.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Assam, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari, Guwahati-37 for favour of his kind information and necessary action.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Upper Assam Zone, Jorhat for favour of his kind information and necessary action.
4. The Conservator of Forests, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat for favour of his kind information and necessary action.

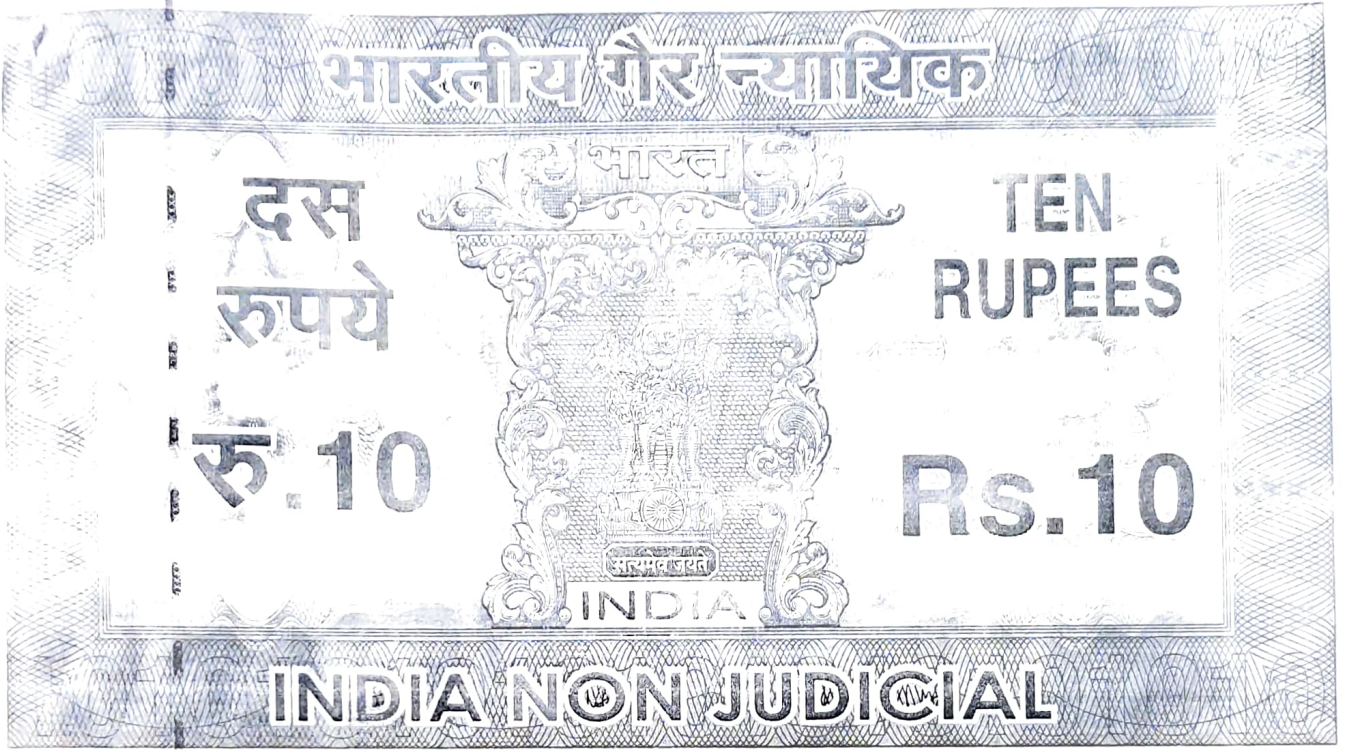
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Divisional Forest Officer
Digboi Division, Digboi

Memo No. B/Rehabilitation of Laika FV/2023/ 855

Dated: 20/03/2023

Copy to the Deputy Commissioner, Tinsukia District for favour of his kind information and necessary action.

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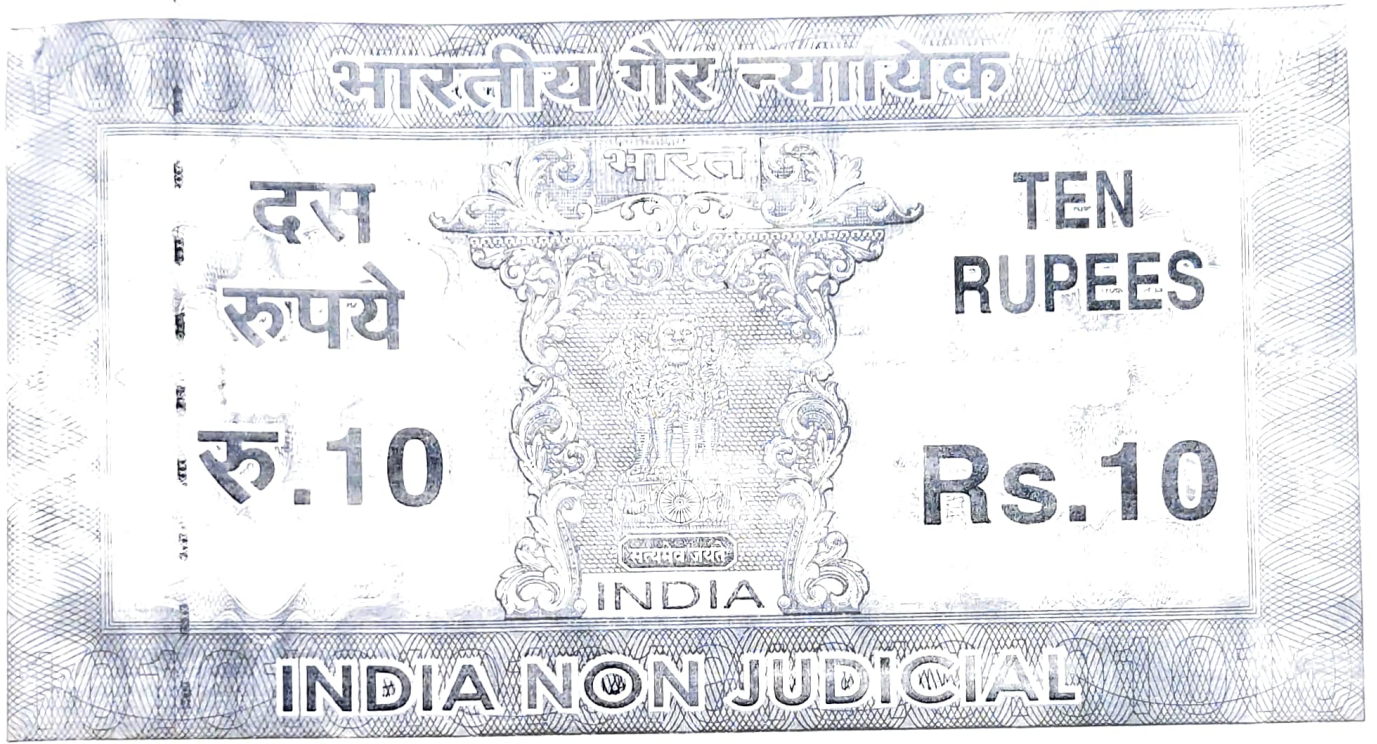
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ANNEXURE- 2A (IV)

UNDERTAKING

We do hereby undertake that violation of any of the stipulated conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation), Act, 1980 as issued by the MoEF & CC vide its letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 in respect of the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division.

(T.C. Ranjith Ram, IFS)
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ANNEXURE -2B(I)

UNDERTAKING

We do hereby undertake that the legal status of 238.0 Ha diverted forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for relocation/rehabilitation of villages from Dibru-Saikhowa National Park to Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division shall cease to be forest land.

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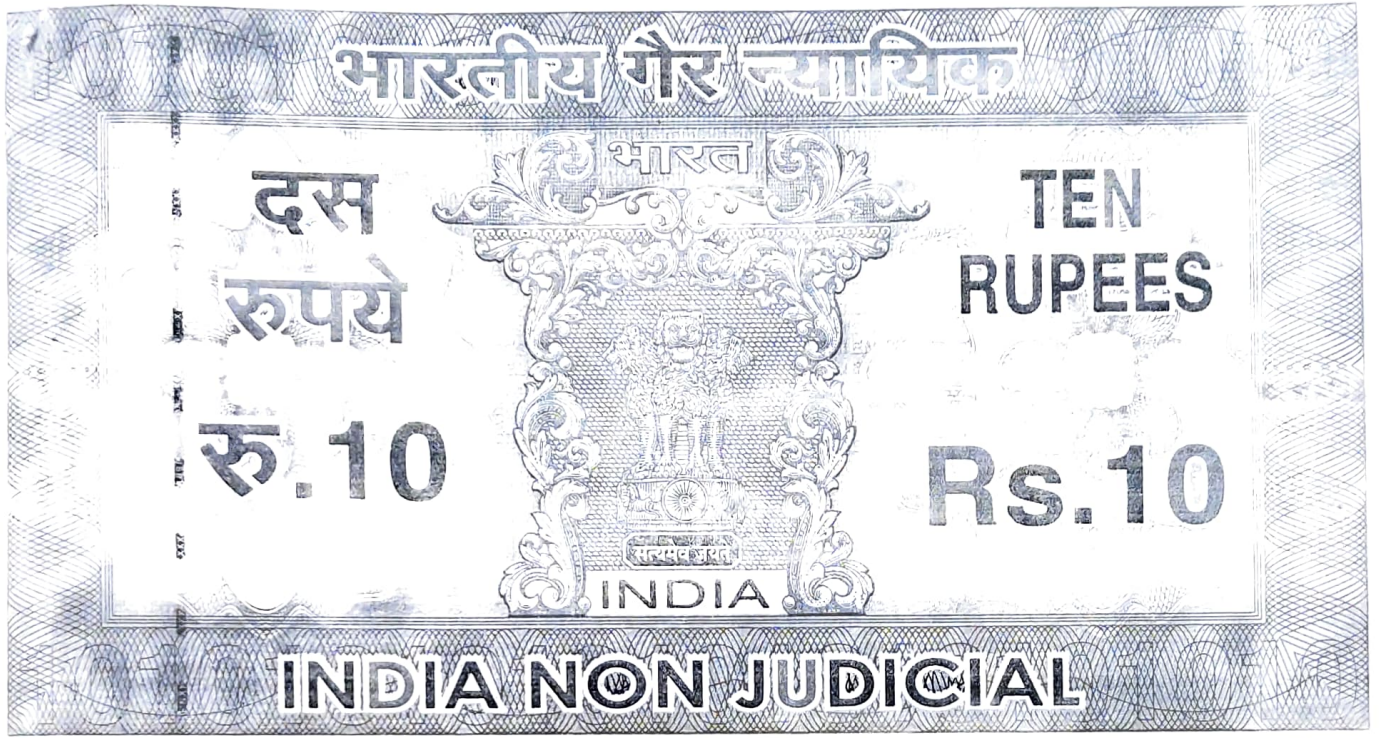
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ANNEXURE- 2B (III)

UNDERTAKING

We do hereby undertake that the land vacated in Dibru-Saikhowa National Park due to relocation of Laika village shall be developed as per approved Wild Management Plan/NTCA guidelines/CWLW in respect of the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division.


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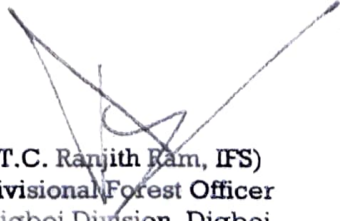
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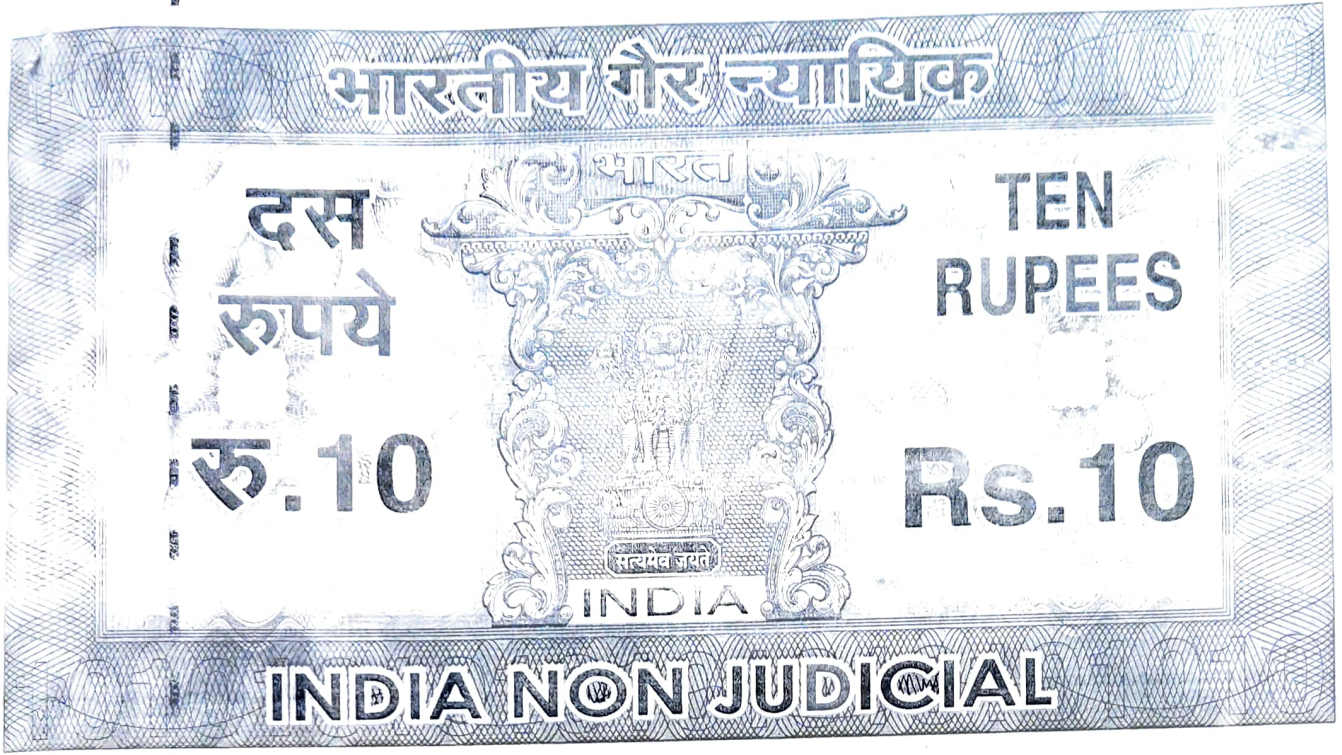
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ANNEXURE- 2B (IV)

UNDERTAKING

We do hereby undertake that State Forest Department at appropriate level shall be made part of the body responsible for preparing detailed layout plan of the village so as to ensure that as far as possible naturally growing trees are retained along the roads, in the school, other Government/public utility complexes around the boundaries of the village, as natural grove in respect of the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Nampai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division.


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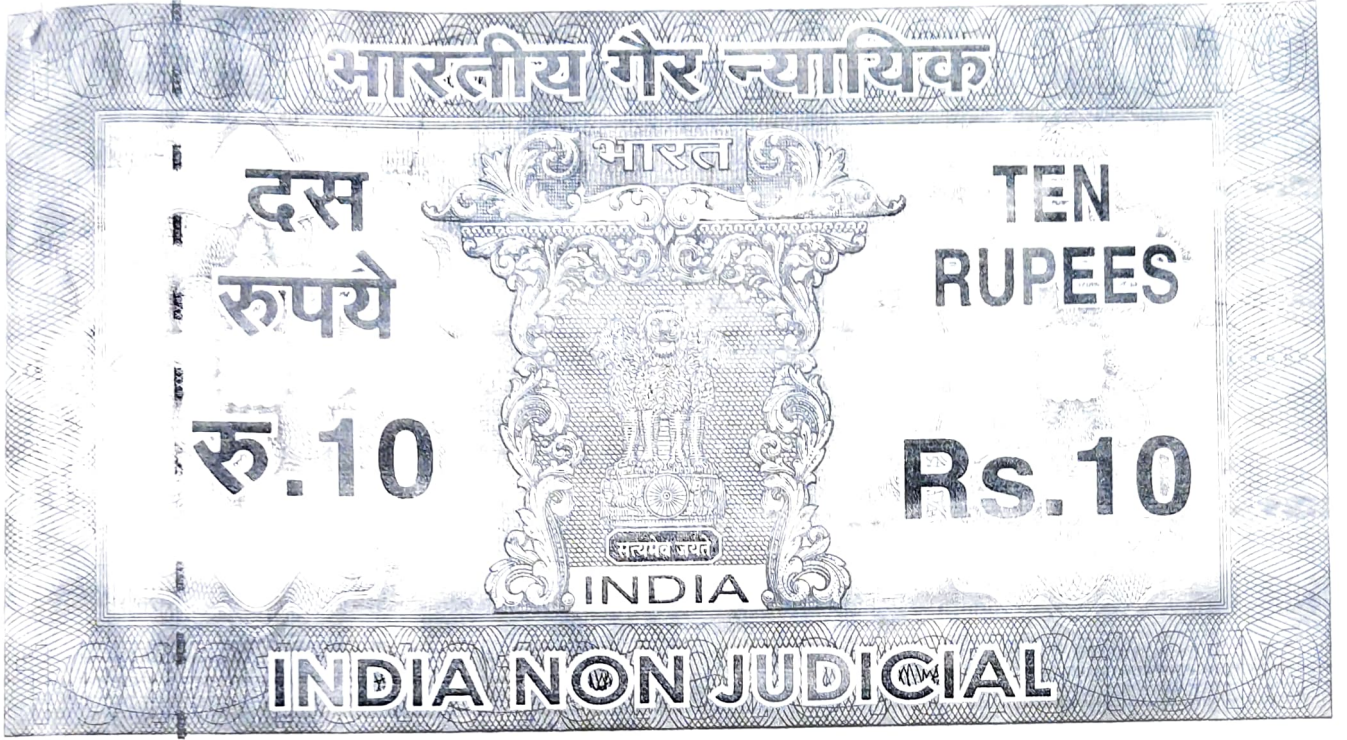
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ANNEXURE- 2B (V)

UNDERTAKING

We do hereby undertake that the connectivity of the proposed residential site of the village to the metal road will be worked out in advance in respect of the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division.

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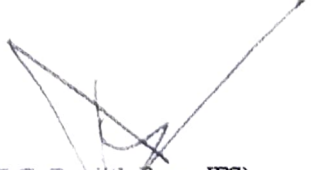
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ANNEXURE- 2B (VI)

UNDERTAKING

We do hereby undertake that no fragmentation of forests will take place due to the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division.


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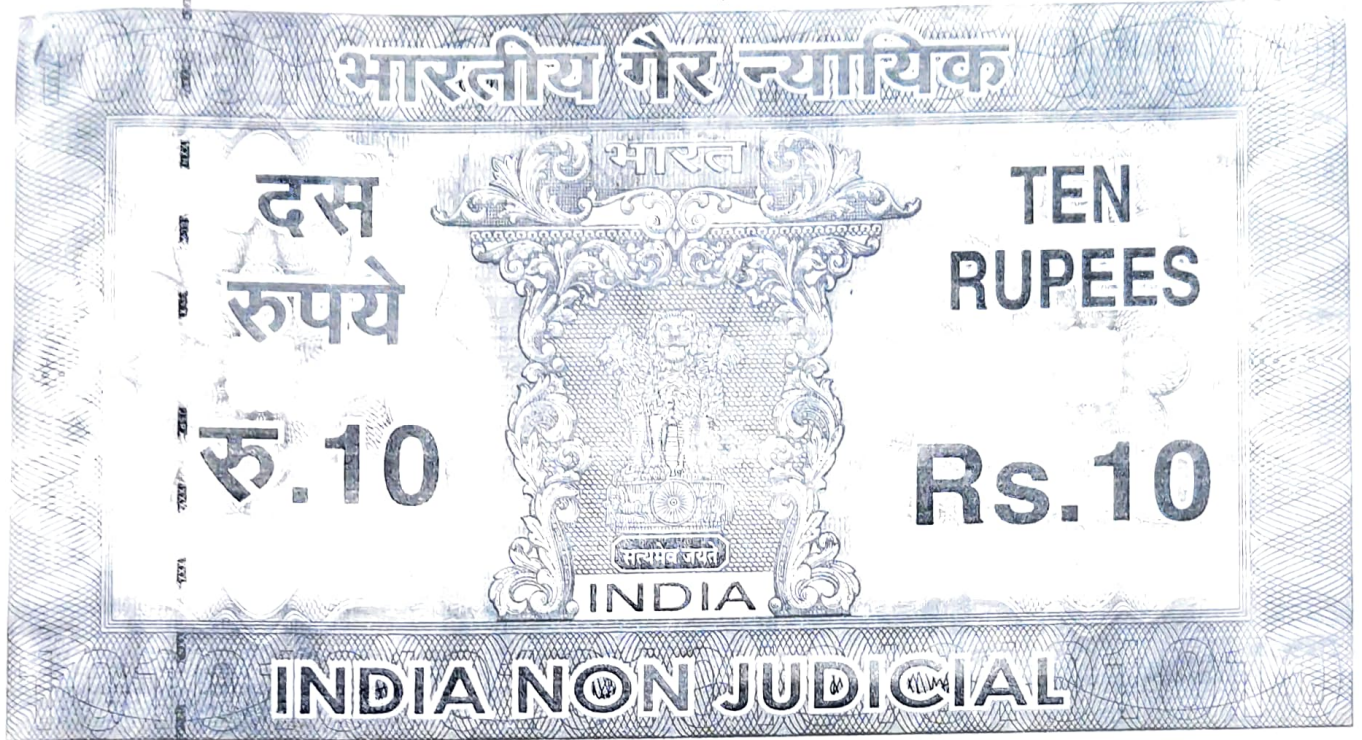
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ANNEXURE- 2B (VII)

UNDERTAKING

We do hereby undertake that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas in respect of the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division.


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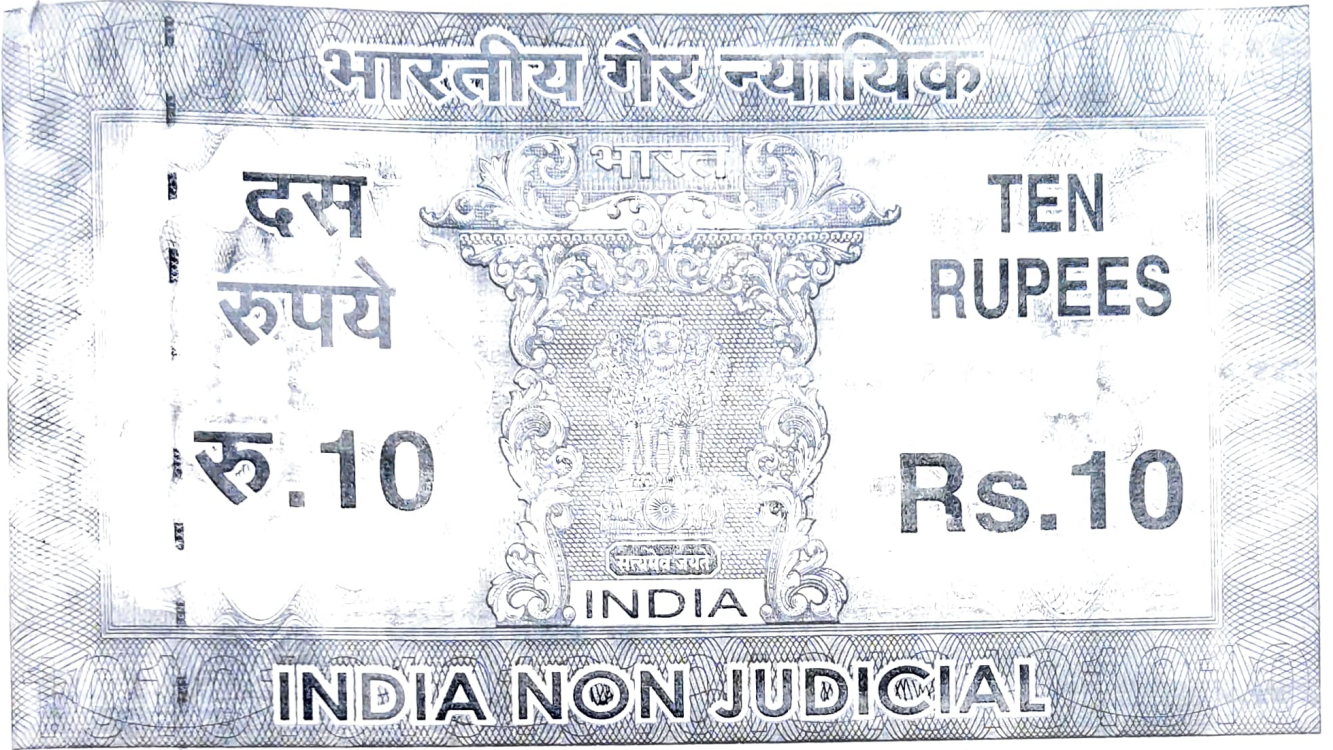
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ANNEXURE-2B (VIII)

UNDERTAKING

We do hereby undertake that felling of trees on the forest land being diverted shall be reduced to the bare minimum and the trees will be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department in respect of the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division.


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ANNEXURE- 2B (IX)

UNDERTAKING

We are giving undertaking that sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Department Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel in respect of the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division.


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ANNEXURE- 2B (X)

UNDERTAKING

We do hereby undertake that the boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of the Divisional Forest Officer Digboi, Forest Division in respect of the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division.

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ANNEXURE- 2B (XI)

UNDERTAKING

We do hereby undertake 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 in respect of the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division.

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ANNEXURE- 2B (XII)

UNDERTAKING

We do hereby undertake that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining areas shall be caused in respect of the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division.

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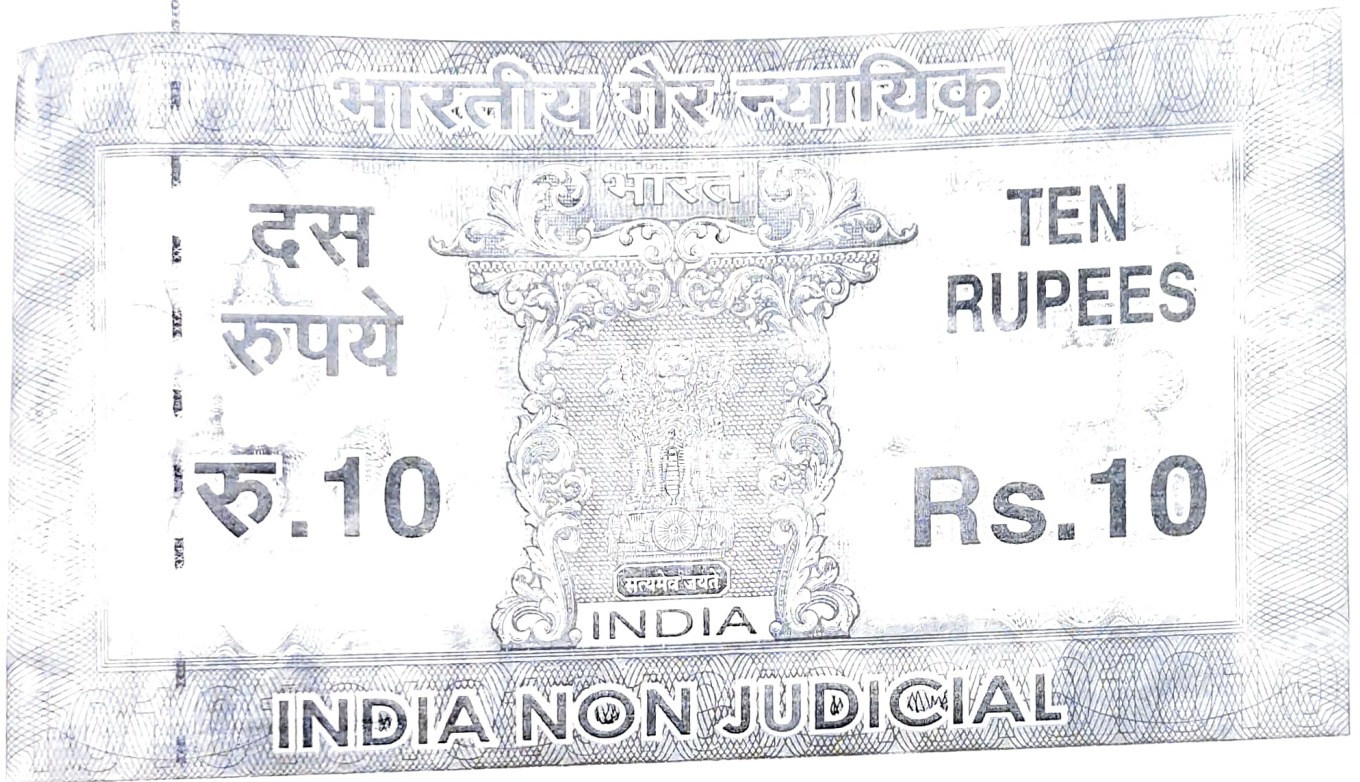
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UNDERTAKING

We do hereby undertake that the layout plan of the mining plan/proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government in respect of the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division.

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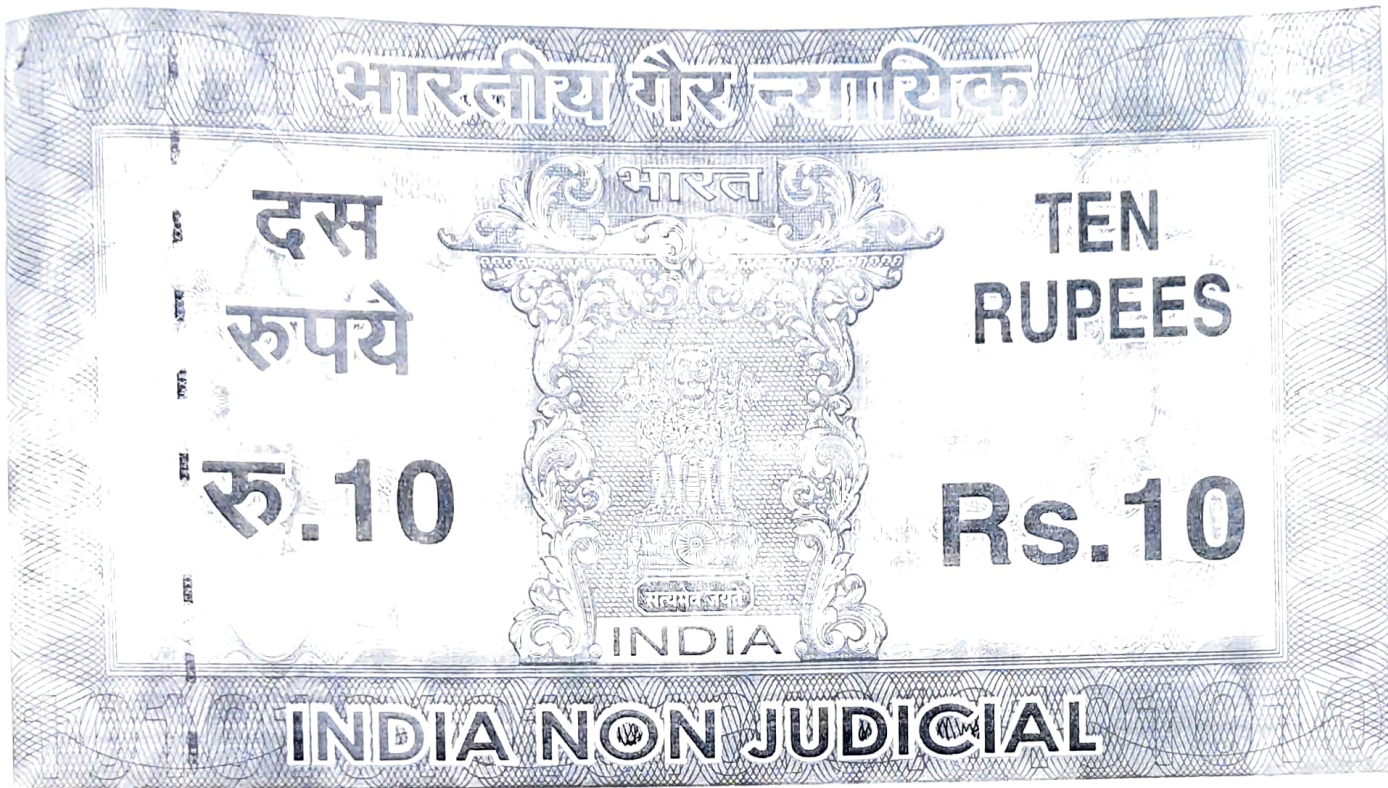
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UNDERTAKING

We do hereby undertake that this Division shall monitor and take necessary mitigation measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding areas in respect of implementation of the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division.

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We do hereby undertake that this Division 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 in respect of the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division.

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ANNEXURE- 2B (XVI)

UNDERTAKING

We do hereby undertake that an annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions contained in the In-Principle Approval shall be submitted to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to MoEF & CC by the end of March every year regularly in respect of the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division.

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ANNEXURE- 2B(XVII)

UNDERTAKING

We do hereby undertake that this Division shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to the proposed Diversion Proposal of 238.0 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village in Namphai & Paharpur Reserved Forests under Digboi Forest Division, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 1.30 PM ON 28.01.2021 IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, TINSUKIA, TINSUKIA REGARDING REHABILITATION ISSUES OF LAIKA PEOPLE.

Members Present in Annexure - A:

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner, Tinsukia welcomed Sri Jogen Mohan, Hon'ble Minister of State, Revenue & DM department Govt. of Assam and members of sub-committee constituted by Govt. of Assam to monitor and extend support for relocation & rehabilitation of Laika villagers under Tinsukia district. He said that the meeting was convened as per direction of Environment and Forest department, Government of Assam for discussing issues of rehabilitation of Laika people and the meeting was presided over by Sri Jogen Mohan, Hon'ble Minister of State, Revenue & DM department Govt. of Assam.

The following points were discussed.

- i) Sri A.M. Singh, PCCF & HoFF, Environment & Forest Department, Govt. of Assam said initiating the discussion stated that the sub-committee has come to Tinsukia to discuss about how to provide support to all concerned in connection with shifting of the Laika people at Paharpur (166 ha) and Namphai (72 ha) RF which have been identified by forest department for total 543 households. He requested all concerned department to provide necessary support for making a suitable/livelihood environment at the areas by convergence of all departments. He further said that after the meeting the sub-committee will meet the inmates of Laika-Dadhia at the protest site and also visit the areas where shifting has been prepared.
- ii) Sri Jogen Mohan, Hon'ble Minister of State, Revenue & DM department Govt. of Assam stated that proposal of rehabilitation forest village at Paharpur and Namphai FR area have been sent to environment & forest department government of India for approval. He desires to solve the issue at an early date requested all concerned department to prepare plan & estimate and submit the same to Deputy Commissioner, Tinsukia within 31st January, 2021.
- iii) AGM, APDCL, Tinsukia stated that they have already prepared plan and estimates for Paharpur and Namphai area for providing new service connection to the people who will be shifted. The estimated amount of the new installation of power supply for both areas will be 5 Crore 60 Lakhs and will submit same within the stipulated date.
- iv) EE, PHE department has stated that they have also prepared two plan & estimate for providing drinking water facility and individual household latrine to the relocated people of Laika for both immediate and permanent measures. If area is notified forest village than semi permanent measure can be taken. Amount may be around Rs.5.00 crores and plan & estimated are being prepared and will be submitted shortly.

- v) CEO, Tinsukia Zila Parishad stated that geo-tagging for the newly created villages at Paharpur & Namphai RF will be carried out under concerned Panchayats and accordingly scheme of PMAY house will be implemented. Hon'ble minister also requested the house to take the matter to implement PMAY scheme at that areas with Government of Assam immediately. The rate for PMAY household is Rs.1.30 lacs per household.
- vi) EE PWD, Digboi-Margherita territorial road division stated that to reach Paharpur one RCC bridge (L 74 meters) is required over river Tirap and plan & estimate are being prepared amounting to Rs.9.00 crore. He said that one small bridge (L 18.75 M) is also required in that area. For road connectivity including bridge, project concept papers will be prepared and submitted within the next months i.e., 1st week of Feb, 2021.
- vii) Jt Director of Health Services, Tinsukia stated that one PHC is functioning at Jagun and it will cover the Paharpur area. Hon'ble Minister suggested health department to keep one Ambulance stationed (24 X 7) in Paharpur area to meet up for emergency health issue of the people.
- viii) DEEO, Tinsukia said that one LP school is running at Paharpur area and 2 LP schools are at Namphai area. Children may be accommodated accordingly after getting the exact number of children. Deputy Commissioner, Tinsukia requested DFO(W/L), Tinsukia to submit the number of children of Laika village as per record available with him within the 31st January, 2021. Inspector of School, Tinsukia also stated that there is one High School namely Tirap High School is functioning at Tirap area which located about 4.5 KM from Paharpur and 10 Kms from Namphai area.
- ix) Regarding ration cards as the same have already been issued, it was decided that the names of the beneficiaries will be shifted to new location.
- x) Supply department stated that for gas connection facilities "Ujjwala scheme" have already been going on and people of Laika are also under the schemes and they can also use the connection at their new location.
- xi) Agriculture department stated that seeds are kept available at District Agricultural Officer, Tinsukia for distribution among the proposed rehabilitated farmers of Laika. The growing season of Maize is continuing and farmer can sow seeds for production of Maize along with rephrases for cattle.
- xii) Veterinary department stated that a roadmap to support the relocated families of Laika have been prepared covering piggery and poultry farming and financial backup may be taken by convergence with NRLM/ASRLM/MGNREGA/Bank finance-PMKCC etc. Veterinary department will provide all necessary support to the farmers as and when required.
- xiii) The house suggested to include Sri Bhaskar Sharma, Hon'ble MLA, Margherita and Sri Suren Phukan, Hon'ble MLA, Digboi as members of the sub-committee which was constituted by government of Assam. The house also suggested to send proposal to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam for providing financial assistance to the people as livelihood during the time of

Annexure - 2A(III)

shifting. All concerned departments are requested to submit their proposal, plan & estimate by 31st January, 2021 and complied report to be send to government for approval.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the chair.


(Jogen Mohan)

Hon'ble Minister of State,
Revenue & DM department Govt. of Assam
& Chairman of the meeting

Memo No. TRF 12/2020/Laika-Dadhia/ 93


Dated Tinsukia the 28th January, 2021

Copy for kind information to:

- (1) All members of the sub-committee.
- (2) The Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur
- (3) The Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Revenue & DM Department, Dispur.
- (4) The PPS to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Dispur.
- (5) The PCCF & HoFF, Assam, Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari, Guwahati.

Copy for information and necessary action to:

- (1) The ADC(Forest), Tinsukia.
- (2) All members present in the meeting.


(Jogen Mohan)

Hon'ble Minister of State,
Revenue & DM department Govt. of Assam
& Chairman of the meeting

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER :::: TINSUKIA DISTRICT
(FOREST BRANCH)

No. TPL.17/Forest Matters/2020/408

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Dated Tinsukia the 6th March /2023

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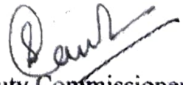
NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India's letter No.11-9/98-FC (pt.) dated 3rd August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006 ('FRA', for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes, it is certified that 166 hectare of forest land of Paharpur Reserve Forest under Lekhapani Range of Digboi Forest Division to be diverted in favour of the Divisional Forest Officer, Tinsukia Wildlife Division and the Divisional Forest Officer, Digboi Division for rehabilitation of Laika Forest villagers in Tinsukia district falls within jurisdiction of Paharpur Reserve Forest under Lekhapani Range of Digboi Forest Division in Margherita Sub Division under Tinsukia District, Assam.

It is further certified that :

- a) the complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the 166 hectares of forest area proposed for diversion.
A copy of records of all consultations and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) and the District Level Committee are enclosed as Annexure. A,B and C respectively.
- b) the proposal for such diversion (with full details of the project and its implications, in vernacular/ local language) have been placed before each concerned Gram Sabha .
- c) the each of concerned Gram Sabha(s), has certified that all formalities/processes under the FRA have been carried out, and that they have given their consent to the proposed diversion and the compensation and ameliorative measures, if any, having understood the purpose and details of proposed diversion. A copy of minutes of the gram sabha meeting of village(s) is enclosed in Annexure A.
- d) the discussion and decisions on such proposals had taken place only when there was a quorum of minimum 50% of the members of Gram Sabha present;
- e) the diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3 (2) of the FRA have been completed and the Gram Sabhas have given their consent to it;
- f) the rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-Agricultural Communities, where applicable have been specifically safeguarded as per section 3 (1) (e) of the FRA.

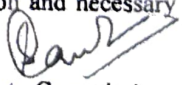
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Deputy Commissioner
Tinsukia

Memo No. TPL.17/Forest Matters/2020/408 (A) Dated Tinsukia the 06th March/2023

Copy to :-

1. The Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Tinsukia and i/c., Project Director, ITDP, Dangari, for information and necessary action.
2. The Sub-Divisional Officer (c), Margherita, for information and necessary action.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Digboi and Tinsukia Wildlife Division, for information and necessary action.
4. The Sub-Divisional Welfare Officer, Margherita/Tinsukia, for information and necessary action.


Deputy Commissioner
Tinsukia

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER : : : : TINSUKIA DISTRICT
(FOREST BRANCH)**

No. TPL.17/Forest Matters/2020/301

Dated Tinsukia the 04th Sept/2021

FORM-II

(for projects other than linear projects)

To WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India's letter No.11-9/98-FC (pt.) dated 3rd August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006 ('FRA', for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes, it is certified that 72 hectare of forest land of Namphai RF proposed to be diverted in favour of Divisional Forest Officer Digboi/Tinsukia (Wildlife) for rehabilitation of families Laika Forest Villager in Tinsukia district falls within jurisdiction of Namphai RF in Margherita Sub Division under Tinsukia District.

It is further certified that :

- a) the complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the 72 hectares of forest area proposed for diversion.
A copy of records of all consultations and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) and the District Level Committee are enclosed as Annexure-A,B and C respectively.
- b) the proposal for such diversion (with full details of the project and its implications, in vernacular/local language) have been placed before each concerned Gram Sabha .
- c) the each of concerned Gram Sabha(s), has certified that all formalities/processes under the FRA have been carried out, and that they have given their consent to the proposed diversion and the compensation and ameliorative measures, if any, having understood the purpose and details of proposed diversion. A copy of minutes of the gram sabha meeting of village(s) is enclosed in Annexure A.
- d) the discussion and decisions on such proposals had taken place only when there was a quorum of minimum 50% of the members of Gram Sabha present;
- e) the diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3 (2) of the FRA have been completed and the Gram Sabhas have given their consent to it;
- f) the rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-Agricultural Communities, where applicable have been specifically safeguarded as per section 3 (1) (e) of the FRA.

Encls.: As above.


Deputy Commissioner
Tinsukia

Memo No. TPL.17/Forest Matters/2020/301(A)

Dated Tinsukia the 04th Sept/2021

Copy to :-

1. The Project Director, ITDP, Tinsukia, for information and necessary action.
2. The Addl. Deputy Commissioner, i/c. SDO (c), Margherita, for information and necessary action.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Digboi / Tinsukia Wild Life Division, for information and necessary action.


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Village Relocation Plan

INTRODUCTION-

Name of National Park -- Dibru- Saikhowa National Park

Name of the Forest Village to be relocated – Laika

Total area of Laika Forest Village --238 ha

Legal Status --Forest Village

Two nos. of Forest villages Laika FV and Dodhia FV were established in 1951-52 and 1956-57 respectably within Dibru Reserve Forest and Saikhowa Reserve Forest under Dibrugarh & Doomdooma Forest Division, respectively. **The sanctioned area of Laika FV is 238 ha and that of Dodhia FV is 135 ha** as per notification of Dibru-Saikhowa Wildlife Sanctuary.

In 1986, by amalgamating both the Reserve Forest, a Wildlife Sanctuary was constituted vide Govt. of Assam's Notification No.FRW.51/86/8 dt. 26/09/1986 Namely Dibru-Saikhowa Wildlife Sanctuary with an area of 340 sq.km by keeping the two Forest Villages inside the Sanctuary (Annexure I- Notification of WLS)

During 1999 the entire area of 340 sq km was declared as Dibru –Saikhowa National Park by way of upgrading the existing Dibru-Saikhowa Wildlife Sanctuary as per provision of wildlife Protection Act. 1972, vide Govt. of Assam's notification no. FRW.21/90/171 dtd. 05/03/1999. (Annexure II-Notification of Dibru Saikhowa National Park)

As there is no non-forest land available in the district hence the Reserve Forest land has been selected for rehabilitation of Foest Village Laika. As the Dibru- Saikhowa National Park is very flood prone and the notification of Wildlife Sanctuary itself speaks about the relocation of the forest village, the rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village is prerequisite not only for the betterment of Forest Villagers but for conservation of the Dibru- Saikhowa National Park also.

The relocation will lead to the improvement of the habitat of the Dibru- Saikhowa National Park. After the complete relocation of the both Forest Villages Dodhia and Laika the core area of the Dibru-Saikhowa National Park will be completely free of anthropogenic pressure and in future many wildlife activities like introduction of Rhinoceros can be taken up. It is pertinent to mention that Dibru- Saikhowa National Park harvours 500 plus species of birds, Gangetic Dolphin, Hoolock Gibbon, wild Feral Horses among many prominent wildlife species.

Human population-

The number of households and population of the Laika Forest Village are tabulated below-

S.No.	Forest Village	No of original households to whom land was allotted	No. of households(direct descendent of the original allottee)	Population of these households(direct descendent of the original allottee)
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1.		75	543	2847
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Total Livestock Population- In 2018 the census of *khooti*, cows and buffalo was also done. This is listed below-

Name of forest village	Number of <i>khootis</i>
Laika Pamua	80
Laika Phasidia	29
Laika Rigbee	14
Total =	123

Name of FV Laika	
No of cows	2532
No of Buffalos	1633
Total	4165

Site for relocation-

Two (2) numbers of plots have been identified in Reserved Forest under Digboi Forest Division for relocation and rehabilitation of these Forest Villagers. Total 238 ha land will be diverted for relocation and rehabilitation of Laika Forest Village against the total area of 238 ha which was allotted to Laika village as per notification of Dibru Saikhowa National Park.

Plot No.	RF	Range	Area (Ha)	Area (In Bigha)	Area reserved for common use/ community land(in Bigha)	No of families to be rehabilitated
1.	Paharpur RF	Lekhapani	166	1241.68	81.68	386.67(approx 387)
2.	Namphai RF	Jagun	72	538.56	58.56	160
Total			238	1780.24	140.24	547

It is proposed to allot 3 bigha (0.401 ha) land to each family. It will amount to 1640 bigha of land. Rest of 140.24 bigha land can be use as community land for construction of common facilities like school, medical centre etc.

- Route for relocation of Laika FV= from Guijan Ghat –Tengabari- Momua- Aisung –Laika
- Order in which village should be relocated-1st Rigbee, 2nd-Phasidia, 3rd-Pamua

Relocation committee

A committee was formed vide notification no FRM107/2020329 dated 5th January 2021 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble forest minister for the relocation and rehabilitation of the villagers. The minutes of meeting of the committee is attached along with.

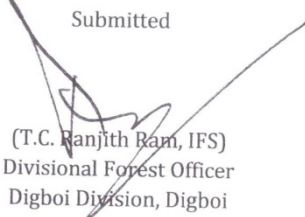
Relocation Subcommittee

A subcommittee was formed under the chairmanship of Hon'ble minister of State, Revenue and Disaster Management for convergence of various schemes of government for the relocated persons. In this regards a meeting of subcommittee was further held in the Office of Deputy Commissioner, Tinsukia along with various line departments for the identifying the various schemes that can be provided for the rehabilitated families. Schemes estimating to approximately Rs 50 crores has been identified for the villagers of Laika to facilitate various facilities. (copy of minutes attached – Annexure 1)

Additionally, an initial amount of Rs 1,00,000/- family is being distributed by the government to meet the initial expenses during relocation of both Laika and Dodhia villages.

This is for your information and necessary Action

Submitted



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Divisional Forest Officer
Digboi Division, Digboi