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To

The Principal Secretary
Government of Manipur,
Environment and Forests Department,
Imphal.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 60.605 ha of forest land for widening and improvement of 37.090 km section of alternate bypass of NH 39 (Imphal-Moreh) Highway from Wangjing to Sita in the State of Manipur.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Govt letter F.No.27/5/2017-For&Env. dated 27.04.2017 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government of Manipur by the Regional Empowered Committee held on 11.12.2017 and its recommendation, I am to inform that "**In Principle Approval**" is hereby granted under Section 2 of the FCA, 1980 for diversion of 60.605 ha of forest land for widening and improvement of 37.090 km section of alternate bypass of NH 39 (Imphal-Moreh) Highway from Wangjing to Sita in the State of Manipur subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation over 121 ha in Compartment No. 3, Kudei Block, Tengnoupal Range, Tengnoupal Forest Division in Chandel District to the Adhoc CAMPA through State Forest Department.
- (ii) The State Govt shall charge the Net Present Value of the forest land diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008 & 09.05.2008 in IA No.566 in WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guideline issued by this Ministry vide letter No. 5-3/2001-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard.
- (iii) The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization/revision of the same by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

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- (iv) All the above funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the Ad-hoc CAMPA Fund (CAF in New SB account No. 520101263743620 of Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003).
- (v) The User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as the project falls under category B before the final clearance as per the project provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required under the said Act.
- (vi) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (vii) The 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 State Forest Department Forest.
- (viii) The User Agency shall bear and deposit the amount of the cost of demarcation of the land proposed for diversion directly to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer shall demarcate the land proposed for diversion on the ground by erecting at least 4' high cement-concrete pillars duly numbered, forward and backward bearing and distance from pillar to pillar written on the pillars and DGPS co-ordinates to be inscribed on the pillars. The competent authority shall verify and issue a certificate to this effect. Photographs showing permanent boundary pillars with GPS co-ordinates to be submitted.
- (ix) The charges for felling, logging and transportation of project affected trees should be collected from the User Agency at the rates approved by the State Govt and deposited with the DFO concerned for utilization immediately following the diversion of forest land.
- (x) The certificates for the payment in respect to Sl. No. (viii) and (ix) shall be furnished to this office by the user agency.
- (xi) Sufficient quantity of 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 development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- (xii) The user agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road.
- (xiii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person.
- (xiv) The lay out plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.

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- (xv) State Govt shall pass an order for tree cutting and commencement of work of a linear project in forest land for a period of one year. However, one more year may be extended by the permission of Central Govt subject to submission of reasonable progress report from the State Govt as regards to the steps taken to comply with the remaining stipulated conditions mentioned above as per the Ministry letter F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt.) dated 28.08.2015.
- (xvi) All other clearance/NOCs under different applicable rules/regulations /local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights)Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No.11-9/1998-FC(pt) dated 03.08.2009 shall be complied with.

After receipt of the compliance report from the State Government on fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, final approval will be issued in this regard. Formal transfer of forest land shall not be effected by the State Govt till final approval orders approving the diversion of forest land are issued by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,

(S.K. Aggarwal)

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