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अतिरिख्तप्रमुखसचिव / Addl. Chief Secretary, वनऔरपर्यावरणविभाग/ Forest and Environment Department मणिपुरकीसरकार / Government of Manipur, इंफाल-Imphal – 795 001.

Proposal for diversion of 3.0 ha of forest land for Development of Integrated Construction of Laiyinthou Sanamahi Kiyong in Nongmaiching RF.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Govt letter No. 27/28/2018-For &Envt dated 21.09.2018 and additional information submitted vide letter dated 26.06.2024 by Government of Manipur on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and to say that the said proposal has been examined in Regional Office.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government of Manipur, the Central 2. Government hereby agrees to accord the Stage-I / In-principle / approval under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion 3.0 ha of forest land for Development of Integrated Construction of Laiyinthou Sanamahi Kiyong in Nongmaiching RF in favour of Sanamahi Lainingkol Foundation, subject to the following conditions:

### A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

- 1. The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation as per the approved CA Scheme at the current wage, to the State Forest Department. The CA scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
- The user agency shall transfer the fund towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No.5-3/2007-FC dated 06.01.2022 read with 22.03.2022 through online portal of CAMPA account of the State concerned;
- 3. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- 4. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA account only though e-portal( https://parivesh.nic.in). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance;
- The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted as per the sub-rule (7) of Rule 11 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, Rules, 2023;

- 6. The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;
- 7. The charges for felling, logging and transportation of project affected trees, if any, should be collected from the User Agency at the rates approved by the State Govt and deposited with DFO concerned for utilization immediately following the diversion of forest land;
- 8. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/);

# B: Conditions which need to be strictly 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:

- 1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- 2. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over an area of 6.0 ha identified in Compartment No. 8, Iril Block, Nongmaiching Range, Central Forest Division, Imphal West. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
- 3. Permanent demarcation of forest land for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost before handing over the forest land to the User Agency;
- 4. The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal by the State Government, if any.
- 5. The user agency shall obtain the mandatory Environment Clearance as per the provision of Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if required;
- 6. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- 7. 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;
- 8. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- 9. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government;
- 10. The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance;
- 11. Land so diverted shall revert back to the Forest Department in case it is not needed for the above use after due restoration to its original status (as far as possible and to the satisfaction of State Forest Deptt.);
- 12. The User Agency shall take all possible precautions & care all the time not to impact adversely the surrounding forests and forest land by their actions/activities;
- 13. Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department;
- 14. The layout plan shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- 15. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;

- 16. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less;
- 17. The user agency shall comply with 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;
- 18. 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;
- 19. This approval may be revoked if the above conditions of approval are not complied to the satisfaction of the Regional Office, Shillong;
- 20. Any other condition that the RO, Shillong may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests &wildlife. The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions;
- 21. 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;
- 3. After receipt of the compliance report from the State Government on fulfilment 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 is granted by the Central Government.

This is issued with approval of Deputy Director General of Forests (C).

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वनउपमहानिरीक्षक (केंद्रीय) / Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C)

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