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**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
FORESTS & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR**

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 21st December, 2018.

No FOR 67/2018/105: On the General Approval accorded by the Central Government, under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide letters F.No 11-9/98-FC dated 03.01.2005, 24.09.2007, 11.09.2009 and 13.02.2014 for diversion of forest land not exceeding 1.00 ha to Government Departments for creation of critical development and security related infrastructure as indicated therein, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to accord approval to the diversion of 0.296 ha. of forest land for construction of 2 (Two) Nos RCC Water Reservoirs for drinking water supply by the PHE Department, Government of Meghalaya subject to the following conditions :-

1. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged i.e shall remain Reserved/Protected/Village/Unclassed/other types of forests/forest as the case may be.
2. The project should not involve felling of more than fifty trees per hectare. Corresponding permissible limit of maximum number of trees to be felled for the forest area diverted, shall be in proportion to the extent of the diverted area.
3. The User Agency shall plant and maintain two times the number of trees felled on the diverted land to maintain the green cover at the project cost. Planting site for the purpose will be identified by the DFO (T), preferably within or in the surrounding area of the project.
4. Only indigenous forest tree species shall be used for such plantation. Trees, if planted on the diverted area, will not be felled without the permission of the Forests & Environment Department. Trees planted in the surrounding area will belong to the Forests & Environment Department.
5. The forest land so diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal. Any change in the land use requires the permission of the Forests & Environment Department.
6. The diverted land shall revert back to the Forests & Environment Department when it is no longer needed by the User Agency.
7. The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora and fauna in the surrounding area and therefore, shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
8. The User Agency shall pay a sum of ₹ 2, 50,120/- (Rupees two lakhs fifty thousand one hundred and twenty) only, as the Net Present Value (NPV) for the diverted forest land of 0.296 ha.
9. Additional amount of the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.
10. The User Agency shall pay a sum of ₹ 5, 90,548/- (Rupees five lakhs ninety thousand five hundred and forty eight) only, as the as the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.
11. The permission granted by the State Government shall be subject to monitoring by the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Shillong.
12. The State Government or the Regional Office of the Ministry of the Environment, Forests and Climate Change may impose from time to time, any other condition in the interest of the conservation, protection and/or development of forests.

Sd/-(Shri J P Lakiang, MCS)
Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Forests & Environment Department.

Memo No FOR 67/2018/105-A,

Dated Shillong, the 21st December, 2018.

Copy to :

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya with reference to your letter No. MFG.22/509/13996 dated 19.12.2018 for information.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, North Eastern Regional Office, Law-U-Sib, Lumbatngen, Near MTC Workshop, Shillong 793021 for information.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (M&E) & Nodal Officer, FC Act, Meghalaya.
4. The Conservator of Forests (T), Khasi- Jaintia Hills Circle, Shillong for information and necessary action.
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, East Khasi Hills & Ri Bhoi (T) Division, Shillong for information and necessary action.
6. The Superintending Officer, PHE Electrical Circle, Nongmalki Road, Shillong for information.

By Orders Etc,

Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya
Forests & Environment Department.

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