

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong, the 10th June, 2015.

NO.FOR.20/2012/89 – Whereas the Government of India, in the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change has accorded general approval vide letters F.No.1-9/98-FC, dated 03/01/2005, 24/09/2007, 11/09/2009 and 13/02/2014 for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes by Government Departments;

And whereas the proposal for construction of a bus-depot at 6th Mile, Upper Shillong under the Upper Shillong Protected Forest, Compartment No 3 involves the diversion of 0.12 ha. of forest land, which is devoid of standing trees;

And whereas the said plot of forest land lying next to the Shillong Cherrapunjee road is currently vacant and un-utilized;

And whereas the proposed construction of the bus depot fulfills the criteria for creation of a critical public utility infrastructure in view of the fact that the said facility has critical significance for connectivity in the State;

Now therefore, the Governor of Meghalaya, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, is pleased to accord approval to the diversion of the said 0.12 ha. of forest land at 6th Mile, Upper Shillong, under the Upper Shillong Protected Forest, Compartment No.3 for construction of a bus depot by the Meghalaya Urban Development Authority, subject to the following conditions:

1. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged, i.e. it shall remain a Protected Forest.
2. The forest land so diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal. Any change in the land use without prior permission of the Government shall amount to violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Request for such change shall be made to this Department.
3. The diverted land shall revert back to the Forests & Environment Department when it is no longer needed by the User Agency.
4. There shall be no cutting or felling of trees in the vicinity of this plot of land.
5. 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.
6. The User Agency shall pay a sum of Rs.78,840/- (Rupees seventy eight thousand eight hundred forty) only, as the Net Present Value (NPV) for the diverted forest land of 0.12 ha.
7. The permission granted by the State Government shall be subject to monitoring by the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change.
8. The State Government or the Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time, any other condition in the interest of conservation, protection and/or development of forests.

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Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Forests & Environment Department

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Copy forwarded to:-

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests (C), GOI, MoEF & CC, North Eastern Regional Office, Law-sib, Lumbatngen, Near MTC Workshop Shillong-793021.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Meghalaya, Shillong.
3. The Conservator of Forests (M&E) & Nodal Officer, FC Act, Meghalaya, Shillong.
4. The Conservator of Forests (T) Khasi & Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya, Shillong.
5. The Divisional Forests Officer, Khasi Hills (T) Division, Shillong.
6. Shri Rajoy Sohkhet, Town Planning Officer, Meghalaya Urban Development Authority, Meghalaya, MUDA Building, Police Bazar, Shillong.

By order etc.

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