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अतिरिक्त प्रमुख शासन सचिव,
वन और पर्यावरण विभाग,
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Sub: Proposal for diversion of 96.027 ha of forest land for widening and improvement of main alignment of NH 39 (Imphal-Moreh) of 29.516 km from Khongkgang to Moreh and alternate alignment of 24.340 km from Sita to Khudengthabi in favour of National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Govt letter F.No.27/21/2017-For&Env. dated 28.04.2017, No.7/103/2013/Forests/285 dated 04.12.2017 and recommendation of NBWL letter F.No. 7-14/2018-ROHQ dated 12.03.2018 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 04.04.2018 and its recommendation, I am to inform that **"In Principle Approval"** is hereby granted under Section 2 of the FCA, 1980 for diversion of 96.027 ha of forest land for widening and improvement of main alignment of NH 39 (Imphal-Moreh) of 29.516 km from Khongkgang to Moreh and alternate alignment of 24.340 km from Sita to Khudengthabi in favour of National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of compensatory afforestation over double the degraded forest land i.e. 192.00 ha in Compartment No. 32, Kudei Block, Tengnoupal Range, Tengnoupal Forest Division in Chandel District to the Adhoc CAMPA through State Forest Department.
- (ii) The User Agency shall pay 5(five) times of the Net Present Value(NPV) amount fixed 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 worked out

by the Divisional Forest Officer(DFO), Tengenoupal Forest Division based on the Forest Type, Soil type, Eco-class etc of the forest land diverted under this proposal as recommended by NBWL in its 46th meeting of NBWL in Ministry's letter F.No 7-14/2018-ROHQ dated 12.03.2018.

- (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.
- (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 provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required, under the said Act.
- (vi) 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.
- (vii) Transplanting of the important tree species affected by the project, wherever possible should be taken up by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer with the logistic support from the user agency.
- (viii) 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.
- (ix) 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.
- (x) The lay out plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (xi) State Govt and user agency shall comply with the stipulated conditions No. (4) to (19) of the 46th meeting of NBWL as per the Ministry's letter F.No 7-14/2018-ROHQ dated 12.03.2018 along with the conditions imposed by the State Chief Wildlife Warden.
- (xii) 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.
- (xiii) 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.

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