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अतिरिक्त प्रमुख सचिव/ Addl. Chief Secretary,
पर्यावरण और वन विभाग/ Environment & Forest Department,
असम सरकार/ Government of Assam,
दिसपुर, गुवाहाटी-781006. / Dispur, Guwahati-781006.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 1.0 ha of forest land for operation of Jagiroad Stone Quarry F(1) under Nagaon Division in favour of Sri Ranbir Singh Gandhi, M/Hills Trade Agencies, Guwahati.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No. FRS.144/2017/39 dated 22.06.2017 and No. FG.27/Nodal/Jagiroad St. Quarry F(1)/Nagaon Division dated 29.12.2022 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted by the Central Govt, under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act. After careful consideration of the proposal and the recommendation of REC in the meeting held on 15.09.2017, In-Principle Approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 09.05.2018 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

2. In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No. FG.27/Nodal/Jagiroad St. Quarry F(1)/Nagaon Division dated 29.12.2022 and its uploading on Ministry's portal on 30.12.2022 and submission of compensatory levies by e-challan and online payment by user agency under CAMPA, **Final Approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.0 ha of forest land for operation of Jagiroad Stone Quarry F(1) under Nagaon Division in favour of Sri Ranbir Singh Gandhi, M/Hills Trade Agencies, Guwahati, subject to the following conditions:

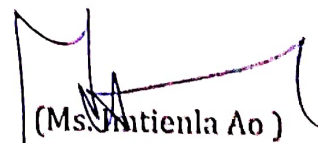
- (1) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (2) The State Forest Department shall raise compensatory afforestation over equivalent non forest land of 1.0 ha at Monglai Phonglo village under Garampani Range of Dima Hasao District of Assam as per the fund deposited by the User Agency & scheme furnished by the State Govt.

- (3) State Govt has promulgated Notification dated 27.12.2022 under Section 5 of the Assam Forest Regulation of 1891 (VII of 1891) for declaring CA area in Monglai Phonglo village into Reserve Forest. The onus of the final declaration as Reserve Forest shall lie with the State Govt.
- (4) The State Govt shall ensure that the revised rates of Net Present Value amount of the forest land being diverted under this proposal is transferred through online portal by the user agency into CAMPA account of the State concerned **as per the Ministry letter File No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 21.03.2022 before issuing of the Final Approval.**
- (5) Permanent demarcation of forest land proposed for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost, using four feet high RCC pillars, with each pillar inscribed with the serial number, forward and backward bearings and distance between two adjacent pillars before handing over the forest land to the User Agency.
- (6) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of rates by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India shall be charged and collected by the State Government from the User Agency.
- (7) The kml files of the area to be diverted, the compensatory afforestation areas the proposed SMC work, and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all the requisite details before issuing of the Final Approval by the State Govt., as the case may.
- (8) The State Govt. shall take all precautionary measures to ensure that the neighboring forests are not adversely impacted due to quarry operations.
- (9) The user agency shall not remove Stone/Boulders/Bajri etc. in a way to expose area to soil erosion and they shall also take all suitable measures to prevent probable erosion as well as land slips due to quarry operation or removal of stones.
- (10) No labour camps shall be set up over the diverted forest land or in the nearby Reserve Forest for the labour involved in the extraction works, and user agency shall ensure that no illicit removal of forest produce takes place surrounding their quarry site.
- (11) No stone crusher shall be set up near National Highway or near quarry site without proper permission under relevant rules from concerned competent authorities.
- (12) No removal of stone/forest produce shall be done before sunrise and after sunset.
- (13) There shall not be any tree felling and removal of natural forest beyond lease area of 1ha. Surrounding forest shall not be used for parking of trucks, etc or for any ancillary purpose of mining.
- (14) The user agency shall not make any fresh approach road over any part of forest land, but may use existing forest roads after due permission of competent Officer of Forest Department.
- (15) At least 7.5 meters strip of the forest land/other land all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area shall be fenced and maintained as Safety

Zone. State Forest Department shall ensure execution of regeneration and protection of the safety zone by the fund provided by the User Agency.

- (16) Suitable garland drains on the periphery of quarry site shall be constructed so that surface water carrying loose silt/ fine stone powder is drained into garland drain. Garland drain will pass through settling tank before water is discharged into natural drainage system or is used for spraying.
- (17) After mining the mine-area shall be revegetated in consultation with concerned DFO at the cost of User Agency; a plan shall be prepared for such revegetation and submitted to this office by State Govt. a year in advance from the expiry of mining lease.
- (18) The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (19) In case of any violation of the stipulated conditions immediate action is to be taken by the Forest Department as per Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF & CC Guidelines F No. 11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018.
- (20) All other clearances / NOCs under different 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.
- (21) Any other conditions that the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- (22) This approval can be revoked, if the above conditions of approval are not complied to the satisfaction of the Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati.

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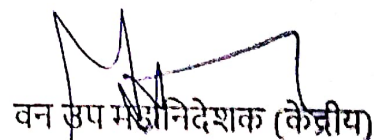
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