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Ref. No. 1824/FCA/F&ED/...21.....

Dated 1/3...../2024

To,

The Executive Engineer,
BRPD-I, CPWD, Chungthang
Mangan District of Sikkim.

Sub: Diversion of 7.838 Ha of Forest Land for construction of road (4.31 Km) from Kerang to OP Dorjila under Lachen (T) Range in North District of Sikkim for Indo Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBP) by CPWD - Final Approval reg.

Sir,

In continuation to this office's letter No. 1824/FCA/F&ED/27-30 dated 21.05.2023 and after careful examination of the aforesaid proposal on the basis of compliance of conditions fulfilled by the user agency in completeness as stipulated in the Stage-I (In-Principle) approval, the State Govt. hereby accords Stage-II (Final) Approval for **diversion of 7.838 Ha of Forest Land for construction of road (4.31 Km) from Kerang to OP Dorjila under Lachen (T) Range in North District of Sikkim for Indo Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBP) by CPWD** under Section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and in terms of power delegated to the State Government by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi under guideline issued vide letter No. FC-11/160/2019-FC dated 23/06/2021, subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory Afforestation (Block Plantation) over 7.838 ha identified at Kerang to OP Dorjila under Lachen (T) Range under North (Territorial) Division.
3. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
4. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
5. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
6. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
7. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
8. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
9. 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.
10. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
11. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
12. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11- 42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.

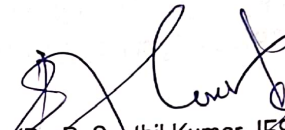


13. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

This approval for diversion of forest land is subject to fulfilment of stipulated conditions mentioned in this approval letter, therefore, in the event of noncompliance of any of the conditions laid out in this approval, the State Government, in consultation with the Ministry of Forests & Climate Change, Government of India may be withdraw the approval and stop the non-forest activity being carried out in the diverted forest land besides initiating the legal action as per provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Therefore, you are requested to take over the possession of the diverted forest land from DFO (T) Mangan Division and submit a copy of report to the undersigned for record. All the above conditions may be complied with the execution of the project duly considering the essentiality of forest conservation is concerned.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. P. Senthil Kumar, IFS)
APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer

Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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Forests & Environment Department
Government of Sikkim

Copy for information to:

1. Secretary, Forest & Env. Deptt., Govt. of Sikkim
2. CF (Territorial) Gangtok.
3. DFO (T) Mangan: for information and direction to carryout handing/taking of diverted forest land as per the prescribed format.
- ✓ 4. File for record.