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Sub: Proposal for diversion of 6.18 ha of forestland for Flood Protection Work near General ground at Up-Stream side of Decorai Irrigation Project at Seijosa in Pakke Kessang District, Arunachal Pradesh.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's online proposal No. No.FP/AR/Others/122946/2021 on the subject seeking prior approval for the Central Government under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted by Central Government under Section 3 of aforesaid Act. After careful consideration of the proposal and the recommendation of REC in the meeting held on 30.06.2025, In-Principle Approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 25.07.2025, 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. FOR. 05/CONS/2021/77-83 dated 20.01.2026 and its uploading on Ministry's portal on 13.04.2026 and submission of compensatory levies by e-challan and online payment by user agency under NCAMPA, **Final Approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 6.18 ha of forestland for Flood Protection Work near General ground at Up-Stream side of Decorai Irrigation Project at Seijosa in Pakke Kessang District, Arunachal Pradesh, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.

- 3) The compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained over double the degraded forest land of 12.36 ha in Sikong Kosing VFR under Along Forest Division of Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh as per the funds deposited by the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- 4) State Govt notification dated 27.04.2022 issued the mutation certificate for degraded USF in Tumbin area(near Sikong-Kosing), mutating in the name of Department & Forests, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh. The onus of the final declaration as Sikong Kosing VFR shall lie with the State Govt.
- 5) The proposed OB labour Sheds & OB hut in the Compensatory afforestation scheme should be of temporary structure and to be dismantled within 10 years from the 1st year of plantation. State Govt shall adhere to Section 5(4)(e) of CAF rules and other relevant Rules as applicable while implementing the Compensatory afforestation scheme.
- 6) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be permanently demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 7) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 8) The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 9) The State Govt shall ensure to strictly implement the following recommendation of 72nd Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife scheduled on 25.04.2023.
 - a. Considering the presence of wildlife in the area, moderate sloped ramps/stairs should be constructed at regular intervals (preferably every 500 meter) along the embankment and the width of the ramps/stairs should be adequate enough (around 20-30 m) for allowing passage of group living animals such as elephants.
 - b. The Project Proponent has informed that locally available materials would be used for construction. This should be subject to consideration of extraction of river bed materials on water flow and channel dynamics. Otherwise, construction materials may have to be procured from outside and an appropriate muck disposal plan should be prepared for approval of competent authority of Arunachal Pradesh Forest Department.
 - c. All construction work should be during daytime and no labor camp should be established within forested areas.
 - d. Once the project is implemented, the forest department should keep vigilance over the dam by constructing manned watch tower(s) at strategic location(s) near the dam at their cost of the user agency.

- e. The CWLW, Arunachal Pradesh to have appropriate mechanism in place for compliance of the conditions laid in this OM during various phases of project implementation.

- 10) An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.
- 11) The lay out of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- 12) The overburden shall not be dumped outside the proposed area. The muck generated in the earth cutting will be disposed off at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
- 13) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the proposed area within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.
- 14) The muck dumping area shall be stabilized and plantation of suitable species shall be carried out over stabilized dumps on the cost of the user agency under the supervision of State Forest Department.
- 15) The designing of culverts/ bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of the water, does not give rise to water logging and also does not hamper the movement of the wild animals.
- 16) The user agency shall take special measures for prevention of landslide/erosion by biological or mechanical measures and stabilization of side slope to avoid landslides and ensure that muck is dumped only on identified muck dumping area as per Muck Dumping Plan.
- 17) All the site specific engineering structures like retaining walls, breast wall and drainage shall be constructed to avoid any soil erosion and to provide slope stability of the concerned hills.
- 18) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternative fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternative fuel.
- 19) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 20) 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.
- 21) The user agency will have to obtain the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 clearance for removal, if any, of stone, river sand, river boulders in forest land.

- 22) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 23) The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 24) The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
- 25) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
- 26) 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.
- 27) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 & Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, guideline & clarification, 2023.
- 28) Any other conditions that the 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.

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Digitally signed by
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Date: 15-04-2026

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