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प्रमुख सचिव/ Principal Secretary,
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पर्यावरण और वन विभाग /Department of Environment & Forests,
कुंजावन, अगरतला/ Kunjaban, Agartala.

Sub : Diversion of 128.7364 hectare of forest land for up-gradation of selected road stretches / corridor to two lane with paved shoulder NH up-gradation of under Bharatmala project from Teliamura to Harina (Sabroom) section 0.00 km to 108.6 km under Khowai / Gomati/ South District by NHIDCL.

Sir,

This has got reference to the proposal submitted by Government of Tripura vide letter No. F.6-1314/FC/For-2021/1114-120 dated 9th, December, 2021 and even No.1475-479 Dated 15.03.2022 on the subject above, wherein prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After consideration of the proposal by the Regional Empowered Committee held on 17.03.2022, '**In-principle**'/Stage-I approval to the proposal was granted by Regional Office, Shillong vide letter dated 17.11.2022 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the In-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report submitted by the State Government vide letter NoF.6-1314/FC/For-2021/Part-II/134-39 dated 31.05.2024 and payment of compensatory levies through NEFT/RTGS Challan with date of transaction 01.02.2024 on funds deposited, **Final approval / Stage-II** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use 128.7364 hectare of forest land for up-gradation of selected road stretches / corridor to two lane with paved shoulder NH up-gradation of under Bharatmala project from Teliamura to Harina (Sabroom) section 0.00 km to 108.6 km under Khowai / Gomati/ South District by NHIDCL, subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the Forest Department over degraded forest land i.e. **265.81 ha** identified by the State Govt at these patches i.e. (i) **17.62436 ha** in Compartment No. 42, RS Plot No. 214(P), Khatian No. 2/55 & **18.50262 ha** in CS plot No. 214 in Teliamura Wildlife Division, Khowai District; (ii) **28.30 ha** in CS Plot No. 4079, 4080, Khatian No. 3/8, 3/6 in Trishna WLS, South District; (iii) **14.9 ha** in CS Plot No. 201, 267, **40.8 ha** in CS Plot No. 499, 528 & **12.56 ha** in CS Plot No. 82, 83, Khatian No. 3/8, 3/9, **9.18 ha** in Compartment No. 3 CS Plot No. 167, 190, 191, Khatian No. 3/32 3/29 3/32, **10.26 ha** in Compartment No.3, CS Plot No. 191, Khatian No. 3/32, **7.90 ha** in Compartment No. 3 CS Plot No. 191, 192, 193, 194, Khatian No. 3/32, 3/30, 3/39, 3/32 and **12.10 ha** in Compartment No. 4 in CS Plot No. 351, **Khatian No. 3/20 and 55.9 ha** in CS

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Plot No. 93, 127 in Amarapur Sub-Division, Gomati District; and (iv) 37.78 ha in CS Plot No. 3237, 3236, 3217 in Sonamura Sub-Division in Sepahijala District; as per the fund deposited. As far as possible, mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.

3. Rs. 30.00 lakhs contributed by the User Agency for procurement of drones shall be used only for its purpose;
4. Rs. 5.0 Cr. contribute by the User Agency shall be used for the relocation & establishment of Hitech Nursery affected by the project;
5. Rs. 50.00 lakhs deposited by the User Agency shall be used for construction of beat Office cum residential quarter and twin guard barrack in Khasiamangal area affected by the project;
6. The CA plantation over 4.00 ha proposed as the road is crossing through 26.00 ha of CA plantation raised under CAMPA during 2017-18 shall be carried out by the State Govt as per the funds deposited by User Agency;
7. Chain link fencing of 5" feet high in the all the 3 Division as per the strategic location identified by the State Govt at 5 (five) locations shall be carried out by the State Govt as per the funds deposited by the User Agency;
8. Conservation of Hollock gibbon at Rs. 86.0 lakhs deposited by the User Agency shall be carried out by the State Government as per the fund deposited and plan submitted;
9. The Additional NPV, if any shall be calculated as per the latest guidelines of MoEF & CC dated 06.01.2022.
10. The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA areas, the proposed SMC works, the WLMP area, if any, shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details.
11. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
12. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector, if required.
13. **User agency may raise strip plantation on both sides of the road as per the IRC norms as per the fund deposited by the User Agency.**
14. **Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas.**
15. **The user agency shall provide suitable under / over pass in Protected Area / Forest Area as per recommendation of CWLW / NBWL / FAC / REC, if applicable.**
16. The overburden shall not be dumped outside the diverted land. The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed of at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
17. The user agency to undertake special measures for prevention of landslide / erosion by biological or mechanical measures and stabilization of side slope to avoid soil erosion and landslides as per requirement and proposed.

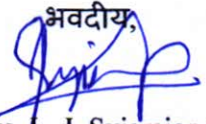
18. The State Govt shall ensure that the user agency provide proper drainage of retaining / breast wall in steep slopes and stabilization of side slope to avoid soil erosion and landslides and provide for proper drains / cross drains. Physical barriers / structures to prevent muck from entering streams & rivers and other ecologically sensitive areas are to be constructed on the lower slope side, if required, before any construction work are started;
19. The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
20. The boundary of the diversion forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the direction of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
21. The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
22. The layout plan of the proposal shall ~~not be changed~~ without prior approval of Central Government.
23. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
24. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
25. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate 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 alternate fuel.
26. Wherever possible and technically feasible, User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the road within the area diverted under this approval.
27. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
28. 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.
29. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
30. 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.
31. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.
32. The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
33. The User Agency will have to obtain the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 clearance for removal, if any, of stone, river sand, river boulders in forest land.

27. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year;

29. This approval may be revoked, if, the above conditions of approval is not complied to the satisfaction of the Regional Office, Shillong.


30. Any other conditions as may be found appropriate in future for the betterment of environment & wildlife, may be imposed by Regional Office, Shillong.

This is issued with approval of Deputy Director General of Forests (C).

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