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✓ अतिरिक्त प्रमुख सचिव / Addl. Chief Secretary,
वन और पर्यावरण विभाग/ Forest and Environment Department
मणिपुर की सरकार / Government of Manipur,
इंफाल-Imphal – 795 001.

Sub : Diversion of 0.9001 ha of forest land for Development of Ropeway Project at Ibudhou Marjing, Heingang, Imphal East, Manipur by Tourism Department, Manipur.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Manipur letter No. F.20/53/2022-For & Env't /1137 dated 10.10.2022 on the above-mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After careful examination of the proposal by Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Shillong, **Stage-I / In-principle / approval** to the proposal was granted vide this Regional Office's letter of even number dated 17.01.2023 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect to the conditions stipulated in the In-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

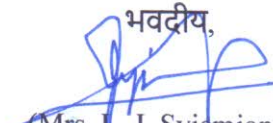
2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Government of Manipur vide letter No. F.20/53/2022-For & Env't dated 20.09.2024, **Final Approval (Stage-II)** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of **0.9001 ha** of forest land for Development of Ropeway Project at Ibudhou Marjing, Heingang, Imphal East, Manipur by Tourism Department, Manipur, subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over **1.8002 Ha** at 1 (one) location identified in Compartment No. 3, Heingang RF, Khabam Block of Central Forest Division, Imphal East;
3. Permanent demarcation of forest land for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost before handing over the forest land to the User Agency;
4. The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal by the State Government, if any.
5. 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;
6. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;

7. The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
8. All statutory compliance/clearances should be obtained and all necessary acts/rules are to be obeyed.
9. Disaster Management Plan as per the Disaster Management Act may be got approved from Competent Authority.
10. Plantation shall be taken up in accordance to State laws, if required, preferably with heavy foliage, broad leaves and wide canopy.
11. Appropriate Air Pollution Control (APC) system (both during the construction/operation) shall be provided for all the dust generating points inter-alia including loading, unloading, transfer points, fugitive dust from all vulnerable sources, so as to comply prescribed standards.
12. Diesel power generating sets, if any, as sources of backup power should be of enclosed type and conform to rules made under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The height of stack of DG sets should be equal to the height needed for the combined capacity of all proposed DG sets. Low sulphur diesel may be used. The location of the DG sets may be decided in consultation with State Pollution Control Board.
13. Base line Noise level survey shall be carried out prior to start of construction as per the prescribed guidelines. The ambient noise levels should conform to the standards prescribed under Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000.
14. No wastewater shall be discharged in open. Appropriate Water Pollution System shall be provided for the treatment of waste water.
15. Energy conservation measures should be integral part of the project design and should in place before project commissioning.
16. Solar energy to the extent possible may be used in the project i.e, at upper terminal and lower terminal to reduce the carbon footprint.
17. Adequate parking shall be constructed at upper terminal and lower terminal. Project Proponent shall ensure smooth traffic management and minimum waiting time. A detailed traffic management and a traffic decongestion plan should be drawn up around the project and implemented to the satisfaction of the State Urban Development/Transport Departments.
18. The company shall have a well laid down environmental policy duly approved by the Board of Directors. The environment policy should prescribe for standard operating procedures to have proper checks and balances and to bring into focus any infringements/deviation/violation of the environmental /forest/wildlife norms/condition and/or/stakeholder's /stake holders.
19. Self-environmental audit shall be conducted annually. Every three years third party environmental audit shall be carried out.
20. Statutory compliance/ clearances should be obtained. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
21. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government;

22. The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance;
23. Land so diverted shall revert back to the Forest Department in case it is not needed for the above use after due restoration to its original status (as far as possible and to the satisfaction of State Forest Deptt.);
24. The User Agency shall take all possible precautions & care all the time not to impact adversely the surrounding forests and forest land by their actions/activities;
25. Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department;
26. The layout plan shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
27. 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;
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 user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
30. 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;
31. This approval may be revoked if the above conditions of approval are not complied to the satisfaction of the Regional Office, Shillong;
32. Any other condition that the RO, Shillong may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife. The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions;
33. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-Fc dated 28.03.2019;

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


(Mrs. L. J. Syiemiong)

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