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F.No.3-AS C/152/2022/GHY/3452-53

30th December, 2022

सेवामे,

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 5.12 ha of forest land for operation of Beldenga Stone Mahal in Doboka Reserved Forest under Nagaon Division in favour of Sri Bishnu Ram Bordoloi.

Ref: (i) Letter No. ECF. No. 228797/87 dated 19.12.2022 of Govt of Assam.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Govt letter on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980, I am directed to inform that the proposal referred above has been examined in this office in the light of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and rules/guidelines framed thereunder and following lacking information/documents has been observed: -

1. The comment of CWLW as the proposed area falls within the notified Kaziranga Elephant Reserve.
2. The current status of the notification & mutation of the non-forest land identified for CA area.
3. The mining zone/cluster is to be identified by the State Govt around this proposed area so that in future sporadic openings in the forest area may be restricted in accordance with the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court in I.A. No. 12-13 of 2011 in Deepak Kumar etc. Vs State of Haryana and others etc.
4. A separate corpus should be created for reclamation and rehabilitation of mined out areas.
5. The hydro-geological reports should be prepared for mining purposes below ground water table.
6. The current status of F(C) Act, 2006 certificate.
7. To clarify on the safety zone area of the proposed area i.e., 5.0 ha as it has to be included in the proposed diversion. Detail component wise breakup of the proposed area including the safety zone area is to be submitted.
8. The proposed area is broken as per the Google earth imagery. State Govt to clarify and comment on the same, if any violation involved, a detail action taken report to be submitted as per Para 1.21 of Handbook of F(C) Act, 1980 and FC Rules 2003, 2019.
9. The estimated amount for plantation in the safety zone area.
10. The detail restoration plan of the proposed mining area duly approved by the State Govt.
11. State Govt is to conduct site inspection of the identified CA area i.e., 5.12 ha by an officer not below the rank of Conservator of Forest and report to be submitted mentioning vegetation and forest cover density with photographs of the inspecting

officer taken at the site, or else, an alternate CA site is to be submitted along SOI maps, site suitability certificate, GPS-coordinates, shape file etc. as the identified CA area comprises of 3.082 ha moderately dense forest and 2.051 ha open forest as per the DSS.

State Govt. is requested to furnish the following to this office at the earliest for further processing of the proposal.

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[Handwritten Signature]
30/12/22

(Dr. Hemen Hazarika)
Sc-'E' & Head of Office

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Govt of Assam, Environment and Forest Department, Aranya Bhawan, Rop Konwar Jyoti Prasad, Agarwal Path, Near Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhetra, Panjabari, Guwahati-781037 for kind information and necessary action.

[Handwritten Signature]
30/12/22

Sc-'E' & Head of Office

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