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## F. No. 3 MN C 035/2021-SHI 2552-53

## सेवामे,

अतिरिख्तप्रमुखसचिव / Addl. Chief Secretary,

वनऔरपर्यावरणविभाग/ Forest and Environment Department

मणिपुरकीसरकार / Government of Manipur,

इफाल-Imphal – 795 001.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 5.0 Ha of Forest Land for quarrying of sandstone / road metal at Murum and Shally Earth in favour of M/s Sanjit Stone Mining and Crusher at Long Koireng, Kangpokpi District, Manipur –reg.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to inform you that this instant proposal has been received back in IRO from Ministry, New Delhi. It is to be mentioned that the proposal has been examined in detailed at all level in the Ministry, New Delhi where Ministry has also observed on the following:

- Provisions of creation of separate corpus for undertaking rehabilitation and reclamation of mined out area, similar provisions also envisaged in the Progressive Mine Closure Plan. The State Govt to submit the comments to confirm whether the corpus proposed to be created is in conformity with the provisions of Progressive Mine Closure Plan or otherwise.
- As per layout Plan of the Cluster-II, there seems to be 4 quarry area delineated for mining. The State Govt to submit the detail of leases proposed in these quarry areas and status of approval, if any, has obtained under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Similarly, status of other quarries proposed in cluster –I and III may also be indicated for taking a holistic view in the matter.
- iii. State Government has notified 3 clusters in Kangpokpi and Thoubal Districts in addition to 11 other quarries.

Whether notification of such clusters is based on any scientific assessment of reserves and their sustainable harvest or otherwise.

iv. Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 27.02.2012 in the matter of Deepak Kumar Vs State of Haryana and others in SLP NO. 19628-19629 of 2009 has issued certain directives for grant of leases for minor minerals.

State Govt to submit comments if the proposal is in consonance with the directions contained in the Supreme Court order dated 27.02.2012.

- vi. As per details submitted in the proposal area of safety zone has been indicated as 0:404 ha while the same is considered as 0.58 ha in the Mining Plan.
  Discrepancy in the land use needs to be rectified by the State Govt.
- vii. No component pertaining to approach road has been proposed in the proposal. The State Govt to submit comments on the same along with details of evacuation plan of the minor minerals from their lease area.

viii. The certificate about non-availability of non-forest land issued by the Chief Secretarty is based on the report of concerned DFO and DM of the concerned area and not the availability of non-forest land in the entire State.

The State Govt may submit clarification on the above.

In view of the observation of Ministry, the State Govt is requested to furnish the details desired at the earliest for taking further necessary action.

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