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सेवामे',

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 5.42 ha of forest land for operation of Lankaijuri Stone Mahal in Doboka Reserved Forest under Nagaon Division in favour of Imdad Ali.

Ref: (i) Letter No. ECF. No. 233926/247 dated 09,11,2022 of Govt of Assam.

Sir,

Please refer 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. To clarify whether the safe zone area 0.63 ha is included in the proposed area 5.42 ha or not.
- 2. The comment of CWLW as the proposed area is within the Kaziranga Kari Anglong Elephant Reserve.
- 3. The current status of the notification & mutation of the non-forest land identified for CA area.
- 4. The mining zone/cluster is to be identified by the State Govt around the proposed area so that in future sporadic openings in the forest area may be restricted in accordance with the judgement of Honourable Suprime Court in I.A. Nos. 12-13 of 2011 in Deepak Kumar etc Vs State of Haryana and others.

5. To comment and clarify on the background history of the adjacent area to proposed site, as it is observed as already mined area and the area proposed for approach road is an existing road which is already broken.

- 6. In case of any violation involved in the proposed area, a detail ATR against the person responsibl for violation of F (C) Act, 1980 as per Para 1.21 of Handbook of F(C) Act, 1980 & FC Rules 2003 Guidelines, 2019 to be submitted.
- 7. The State Govt to create a separate corpus for reclamation of mined out areas.

8. To clarify whether any court case is involved in the proposed area.

- 9. The hydro geological report should be prepared for mining purpose below ground water table.
- 10. The detail restoration plan of the proposed mining area duly approved by CWLW.

11. The current status of F(C) Act, 2006 certificate.

12. The estimated cost for plantation in the safety zone area.

13. State Govt is to conduct site inspection of the identified CA area i.e., 5.42 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 2.71 ha moderately dense forest and 2.71 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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(Ms. Laetitia Jean Sylemiong) i/c Deputy Inspector General of Forests(C)

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 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.

i/e DIGF (C), IRO, Guwahati