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HEAD OF FOREST FORCE:: ASSAM
PANJABARI :: GUWAHATI

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No.FG.27/Nodal/Proposal/Gopeswar S.Q /N.K. Division.

Dated Ghy, the 4th February/2019

To,

✓ The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),
Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change
North Eastern Regional Office, Law-U-Sib,
Lumbatngen, Near M.T.C. Workshop, Shillong-793021.

Sub:- **Proposal for diversion of 5.38 ha. of forest land for operation of Gopeswar Stone Quarry under North Kamrup Division in favour of Sri Fatik Das, Guwahati.**

Ref: Govt. of India letter No. 3-AS B 011/2019-SHI/3484-85,dated. 25/01/2019.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am submitting herewith the additional information/ clarification sought by Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Shillong letter No. 3-AS B 011/2019-SHI/3484-85,dated. 25/01/2019 as below for your perusal and onward necessary action.

Govt. of India letter No. 3-AS B 011/2019-SHI/3484- 85,dated. 25/01/2019	Information Provided
Point No. (1)	The reply of the Sl. No.10 of Govt. of Assam forwarding letter No. FRS.266/ 2018/ 42,dated. 21/12/2018. There is no violation of the Forest Conservation Act,1980 in the area proposed for diversion.
Point No. (2)	The Gopeswar Reserve Forest was declared as Reserve Forests in 1982 vide Gazette Notification No. FRS.79/82/10,dated. 18/06/1982. However, being the rocky areas with very less vegetation the mining of stone from these areas has been reportedly going on prior to 1965-66. Later, 3mahals namely Deoduar mahal No. 1,2 & 3 and Gopeswar 1,2 & 3 with forest clearance form MoEF & CC, Govt. of India were running after declaration of the reserve forests alongwith the mahal permits for Govt. works also continued. Even for some major development works like widening of the national highways and other works, stones were supplied for these mahal areas after obtaining necessary clearance from the Govt. of India. So, the extraction continued for the last 50 years. A report received for DFO, North Kamrup Division, Rangia vide his letter No. A/MHL/2337-39,dated. 02/02/2019 is enclosed herewith Annex-I .
Point No. (3)	The DFO, North Kamrup Division, Rangia has applied to the Member Secretary, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Guwahati for issuing Environment Clearance vide his letter No. B/MHL/EC,dated. 14/08/2018 (Copy enclosed as Annex-II)

In view of the above, it is requested to kindly grant the **"In-Principal Approval"** in respect of the proposal for diversion of 5.38 ha of forest land for operation of **Gopeswar Stone Quarry under North Kamrup Division** at your earliest convenience.

Encl:- As stated above.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. Satyendra Singh, IFS)
Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal Officer, (F.C. Act)
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and
Head of Forests Force, Assam

GOVT. OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FORESTS OFFICER::NORTH KAMRUP
DIVISION:::RANGIA

Letter no.A/MHL/2337-39

Dated. 02-02-2019

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Assam
Panjabari, Guwahati

Sub :- Regarding past history of the Gopeswar Reserve Forests.

Ref : MoEF, GOI's letter no. No 3 AS B 005/2019-Shillong/3484-85, dt-25-01-2019.


Sir,

With reference to the above mentioned letter, I have the honour to submit herewith a brief past history of the Gopeswar Reserve Forests for favour of your kind information and onward necessary action.

The Gopeswar Reserve Forests was declared as Reserve Forests in 1982 vide Gazette notification no. FRS.79/82/10, dt-18-06-1982. However, being the rocky areas with very less vegetation, the mining of stone from these areas has been reportedly going on prior to 1965-66. Later, 3 mahals namely Deoduar mahal no 1, 2 & 3 and Gopeswar 1, 2 & 3 with forest clearance from MoEF, Govt of India were running after declaration of the Reserve Forests. Along with the mahal, permits for the Govt works also continued. Even for some major developmental works like widening of the national highways and other works, stones were supplied for these mahal areas after obtaining necessary clearance from the Govt of India. So, the extraction continued for the last 50 years.


This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


Divisional Forests Officer
North Kamrup Division, Rangia

Copy to :-

- 1) The Special Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Lower Assam Zone Pan bazar Guwahati for favour of his kind information and necessary action.
- 2) The Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Central Assam Circle Basistha, Guwahati for favour of his kind information and necessary action.


Divisional Forests Officer
North Kamrup Division, Rangia

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Annex - II

Letter No. B/MHL/EC/

Date:

To

The Member Secretary,
State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority,
Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21

Sub : Issue of Environmental clearance in favour of Gopeswar Stone Quarry & Mining Zone Area for mining of Minor minerals.

Sir,

With reference to the above, I have the honour to forward herewith the duly filled up Form no. 1M & Mining Plan submitted by Sri Fatik Das, provisionally selected user agency, Gopeswar Stone Quarry & Mining Zone Area for issue of Environmental clearance.

In this regard, I would inform you that the Form - I M is approved by the RQP, Abhijit Bora, Ph. D. and Mining Plan is approved by the Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining Assam, Guwahati - 19.

Hence, I request you kindly to consider the proposal for issue of necessary EIA for a quantity of 2,00,000 m³ stone in favour of Sri Fatik Das, provisionally selected user agency, Gopeswar Stone Quarry & Mining Zone Area for mining of minor minerals for 5(five) years and at least 2,00,000 m³ stone for various Govt sponsored scheme / developmental works annually.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Enclosed :

1. Form-I M.
2. Mining Plan.

Yours faithfully

Divisional Forest Officer
North Kamrup Division, Rangia.

Copy to:

1. The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup, Amingaon for favour of his kind information.
2. The Range Officer, Sila Range, Sila for information.
3. Sri Fatik Das, provisionally selected user agency, Gopeswar Stone Quarry & Mining Zone Area for information and necessary action.

Divisional Forest Officer
North Kamrup Division, Rangia.

Memo No. A/MHL/EC/

Date : 12-2-19

Copy for favour of their kind information to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Assam, Guwahati-37.
2. The Spl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(T), Lower Assam Zone, Ghy-1.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests(T), Central Assam Circle, Ghy-29

Divisional Forest Officer
North Kamrup Division, Rangia

O/o the SE/IAA, Assam

Date: 5/9/2019

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