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No.FG.27/Nodal/Proposal/Gopeswar E.S.Q No.1 /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 5.0ha. of forest land for operation of Gopeswar East Stone Quarry No.1 under North Kamrup Division in favour of DFO, North Kamrup Division,

Ref:

Govt. of India letter No. 3-AS B 005/2019-SHI/3488-89, 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 005/2019-SHI/3488-89,dated. 25/01/2019 as below for your perusal and onward necessary action.

Govt. of India letter No. 3-AS B 005/2019-SHI/3488- 89,dated. 25/01/2019	Information Provided
Point No. (1)	The reply of the Sl. No.10 of Govt. of Assam forwarding letter No. FRS.265/2018/38,dated. 21/12/2018.  There is no violation of the Forest Conservation Act,1980 in the area proposed for diversion.
Point No. (2)	A fresh approach road is not required for running of the proposed 5 Ha. Gopeswar East Stone Quarry No.1 because approach road to mining area is a forest road and has been maintained for quite a long time. A report received for DFO, North Kamrup Division vide his letter No. A/MHL/2190-91.dated. 17/01/2019 is enclosed as <b>Annex-I</b> .
Point No. (3)	A clarification has been received from Director, Directorate of Geology & Mining, Assam vide letter No. GM/MM/86-B (40)/6053,dated. 24/01//2019 (Copy enclosed as Annex-II) regarding printing mistake in Mining Plan at Page No.9 of Gopeswar East Stone Quarry No.1.The name of User Agency should be read as Divisional Forest Officer, North Kamrup Division instead of Sri Fatik Das.
Point No. (4)	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

In view of the above, it is requested to kindly grant the "In-Principal Approval" in respect of the proposal for diversion of 5.0 ha of forest land for operation of Gopeswar East Stone Quarry No.1 under North Kamrup Division at your earliest convenience.

Enclo:- 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

### GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

### OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER:: NORTH KAMRUP DIVISION:: RANGIA

Letter No A/MHL/2190-91.

Dated. 17/01/2019

To.

The Chef Conservator of Forests (T) Central Assam Circle, Guwahati-29.

Sub:- Regarding status of approach road to the Gopeswar East Stone Quarry No.1.

Ref:- (1) This office letter No. A/MHI/1961-64,dated. 15/12/2018. (2) RO Sila letter No. S/89/Stone Mahal/652,dated. 17/01/2019.

Sir,

In continuation of my earlier letter as mentioned above, I have honour to inform you that the present status of the approach road to the Gopeswar East Stone Quarry No.1 as follows:-

The approach road to the mining area is a forest road and has been maintained for quite a long time. Hence, no further diversion of forest land for extraction path is required.

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

Yours faithfully

Divisional Forest Officer, North Kamrup Division, Rangia.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (F.C Act), O/o the PCCF & Head of Forest Force, Assam Panjabari Guwahati-37 for favour of his kind information and necessary action.

Divisional Forest Officer, North Kamrup Division, Rangia.

No. GM/MM/86-B (40)/6-5

Dtd. Guwahati, the & th January, 2019

From

:- Shri G.S. Panesar (ACS);

Director

Directorate of Geology & Mining, Assam

Kahilipara, Guwahati - 19

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The Divisional Forest Officer,

North Kamrup Division,

Rangia

Sub

:- Printing mistake in Page No. 9 in Mining Plan of "Gopeswar East Mining Zone Area" in Kamrup district of Assam State submitted under

Rule 52(1) of Assam Minor Mineral Concession Rule, 2013.

Sir.

This is to inform you that a printing mistake is noticed at page number 9 of 'Gopeswar East Mining Zone Area'. The applicant is written as "Sri Fatik Das" instead of "The Divisional Forest Officer (North Kamrup Division)".

Hence please read the applicant name as 'The Divisional Forest Officer (North Kamrup Division)' instead of 'Sri Fatik Das'.

This is for your information and record.

Yours faithfully,

(G.S. Panesar, ACS)

Director,

Directorate of Geology & Mining, Assam

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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 nonNo.3 AS B 005/2019-Shillong/3484-85, dt-25-01-2019

Sir.

With reference to the above mentioned letter, I have the hour to submit herewith a brief past history of the Gopeswar Reserve Forests for favour of your kindinformation 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 :-

The Special Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Lower Assan Zone Pan bazar Guwahati for favour of his kind information and necessary action.

 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