

No. F.6-1071/LAND/For-2015/Part-I/1033-34

Government of Tripura

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF

Aranya Bhawan, Pt. Nehru Complex, Kunjaban

Tripura: Agartala

Dated 09/01/2024

To

The Deputy Inspector General of Forests(C)
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Regional Office, Law-U-Sib, Lumbatngen,
Shillong-793021

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 14.23188 ha of forest land for General Pool Residential Area (GPRA) Complex, CPWD Gandhigram under West Tripura District-regarding.

Ref: - Your office letter F.No.3-TR C 008/2022-SHI/1637-38 dated 16/08/ 2023.

Sir,

With reference to the subject and letter cited above, I am directed to enclose herewith the information on the respective points as requested vide letter under reference above.

1. The timeline of the all the events carried out by the user Agency post to 1978 are communicated to your good office vide letter dated 21/03/2023 (copy enclosed). Moreover as per the reply submitted by the User Agency that no such construction related tender's & fresh breaking of land have been initiated by the General Pool Residential Area (copy of the reply of User Agency enclosed as **annexure-A**).

2. The reason for delay in submission of proposal after the order of the Hon'ble NGT as stated by the User Agency is due to the global delay pandemic (COVID) and imposition of nationwide lockdown & non-opening of Govt. offices during the year-2020 & 2021 (copy of the reply is enclosed as **annexure-B**)

This is for your kind information and consideration please.

Enclo: As stated

Yours faithfully

[Abhijit De]

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
FCA

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F. No. – NGT (GPRA)/TCD-I/AGT/2023/ 566

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Sub.:- Proposal for diversion of 14.23188 ha forest land for establishment of GPRA complex, CPWD, Gandhigram under West Tripura.

Ref.:- Proposal No. FP/TR/Others/118639/2021.

Your office Letter No. - F.6-1071/LAND/For-2015/Part-I/14582, dated 22.08.2023.

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In response to the letter referred above, following is the submission on the query raised.

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In light of above, it is earnestly submitted from this office that this delay is circumstantial as briefed above. This is submitted for your kind consideration and necessary action for final disposal of the raised query please.

Your sincerely,

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CHRONOLOGY OF THE EVENTS/WORKS TAKEN UP IN THE PROPOSED LAND SINCE INCEPTION TILL DATE		
Reference Letter No. - F.6-1071/LAND/For-2015/Part-I/23657, dated- 17/10/2022 issued from O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Aranya Bhavan, Pt. Nehru,Complex, Agartala		
SL.NO	DATE	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT
1	29.07.1978 & 20.03.1979	Purchasing of land measuring 14.23188 Hectares (Khatian No. 8/4, C.S Plot No. 7548 measuring 14.1970 Ha and Khatian No. 8*4, C.S Plot No. 7597 measuring 0.03488 Ha) situated at Mouza, Gandhigram, Agartala, West Tripura accomplished by CPWD (under Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs) for construction of residential quarters for Central Govt. employees posted in Tripura in public interest on realization of premium for Rs 1,50,000/- to DM (Collector), Tripura West. (Realisation of premium at market rate was paid by CPWD to DM, Tripura West through cheque No.123716 dated 29.07.1978 and challan No.3788 dated 20.03.1979).
2	20.08.1978	Letter was issued from Under Secretary to Govt.of Tripura, Revenue Department, Agartala to the District Magistrate & Collector, West Tripura (letter No. 34(66)-REV/78 dated 20.08.1978) conveying approval of state Govt. to the transfer of 30 (thirty) acres land pertaining to C.S.Plot No. 7020(P) contiguous to the 10 (ten) acres of land already transferred from the said plot to CPWD as per provisions of G.F.R. 282(3) for construction of quarters to central Govt. employees with request to hand over of land to CPWD with copy of this letter to Sub-divisional Officer, Sadar & to the Deputy Chief Conservator of Forest, Agartala, The Town and country palnner, Agartala and to The Director of Land Records & Settlement, Agartala, Tripura also. Land was transferred to CPWD as per approval of State Govt.as per provision under G.F.R. 282(3) by Under Secretary, Revenue department, Govt.of Tripura for construction of GPRA vide letter No.F 34(66)-REV/78 (Shadow) dated 20/28.08.1978 under intimation to Deputy Chief Conservator of Forest, Agartala in two phases equivalent to 14.23188 Hectares. Subsequently 14.23188 Hectares of land was allotted and transferred by the Govt. of Tripura in Revenue department in the year 1978 vide letter No. F 34(66)/REV/78 (Shadow) dated 20/28.08.1978 in consideration of Rs 1,12,500/- only at the rate of Rs 3750/-per acre as assessed by District Magistrate and accordingly said amount was duly paid.
3	28.03.1979	Letter was issued from District Magistrate & Collector (REVENUE SECTION), West Tripura (with reference of letter No.F.34(66)-REV/78 (Shadow) dated 20/28.08.1978 of Under Secretary, Govt.of Tripura) to Sub divisional officer (SDO), Sadar for early handing over possession of land to CPWD with intimation of office of DM, as premium paid by CPWD had deposited into treasury under head of account 029-land revenue with copy to Under Secretary, Govt.of Tripura (REVENUE SECTION) with copy of this letter to Under Secretary to Govt.of Tripura, Revenue Department, Agartala also.
4	Year 1981	Construction of Type 'A', 'B' and 'C' residential quarters in GPRA Complex was carried out by CPWD.
5	Year 2002	Construction of Type 'II' residential quarters in GPRA Complex was carried out by CPWD.
6	22.04.2014	On pursual of the latest revenue record as on 22.04.2014 and ammonia print supplied by the forest department revealed that there is neither any SAL tree nor any forest on the said land in question. In that ammonia print the said land is marked as TILLA without any indication of SAL trees plantation. In the khaitan issued by the Revenue department of Govt. of Tripura the said land is classified as TILLA.
7	Year 2016	Construction of Type 'II', 'III', 'IV' and 'VI' residential quarters in GPRA Complex was carried out by CPWD.
8	08.11.2019	CPWD submitted soft copy of shape file over the forest land to O/o Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer, FCA, Govt. of Tripura.
9	21.11.2019	Observation communicated to CPWD from O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tripura related to area mismatch in shape file submitted earlier.
10	16.05.2020	CPWD submitted corrected shape file prepared by Tripura state council for Science & Technology (TSCST) to O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tripura.

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11	11.06.2020	Copy of GIS lab report along with soft copy of shape file received from O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tripura to CPWD.
12	08.07.2020	Letter received from Chief Conservator of Forest (FCA) to CPWD for submission of Forest Clearance proposal.
13	13.08.2020	CPWD sent Letter to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer, FCA, Govt. of Tripura seeking guidance for procedure and documents needed for filling Forest Clearance proposal.
14	14.08.2020	CPWD sent letter to Tripura state council for Science & Technology (TSCST), Vigyan Bhawan, Kunjaban, Agartala regarding clarification on observations received from O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tripura on shape file (prepared by TSCST) submitted earlier on 16.05.2020 to O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tripura.
15	21.08.2020	Letter received from Asst. Conservator of Forest (FCA) from O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tripura to CPWD with direction regarding initiation of Forest Clearance proposal for diversion of forest land for non-forestry use in a specified form (Part-I of FORM-A) through online.
16	02.09.2020	COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS (as per MoEF & CC Guidelines) issued from O/o the SDM, Amarpur, Gomati District, Tripura, Govt. of Tripura stating that benefit to cost ratio is approximately 5.93 and Project has a high benefit to the country as comparest to forest loss.
17	07.11.2020	Letter to District Magistrate and collector, West Tripura by Executive Engineer, TCD-I, CPWD enclosing relevant plan/layouts for issuance of FRA Certificate 2006 over the forest land regarding GPRA, Gandhigram, Agartala.
18	04.01.2021	The DM (Collector), Tripura West was requested by CPWD vide letter to issue FRA cerificate with submission of relevant documents/layouts.
19	20.01.2021	Letter issued from Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal officer (FCA) from O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tripura to CPWD for submission of authenticated hardcopy of the proposal, certificate/documents, maps etc. to the Nodal Officer, FCA as well as to DFO for filling up Part-II and also to concerned DM & Collector for submission of certificate ubder FCA act 2006 over proposed land for diversion.
20	03.02.2021	Authenticated hard copy of the proposal (in original) was submitted by CPWD to the Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal officer (FCA) from O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tripura as per thier direction enclosing all relevant enclosures in compliance of judgement made by Honourable NGT, Kolkata on 08.11.2017 against O.A.No. 50/2015/EZ.
21	15.02.2021	Letter issued from Asst. Conservator of Forest (FCA) from O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tripura to District Forest Officer, West district regarding intimation and forwarding of Form A Part-I (already submitted online by CPWD) to concerned District through online and directed DFO under jurisdiction for filling up of Part-II.
22	20.02.2021	Joint field verification at Sadar SF range by CPWD officials with District Forest Officer of West forest district, Tehsildar of Gandhigram etc.
23	30.03.2021	Letter issued from Sr. Deputy Magistrate, DM's Office, West Tripura to The SDM, Mohanpur, West Tripura regarding submission of detailed report in respect of letter dated 07.11.2020 of Executive Engineer (EE), TCD-I, CPWD regarding issuance of FRA Certificate 2006 for GPRA Complex, Gandhigram.
24	24.05.2021	Letter issued from the Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal officer (FCA) from O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tripura to CPWD for submission of fresh copy of map to District Forest Officer, West.
25	11.08.2021	CPWD submitted revised MAP (A1 size colour) to Chief Conservator of Forest, Agartala and also to District Forest Officer, West.
26	11.08.2021	CPWD submitted reply to DFO, West requesting submission of PART-II for forest clearance proposal as per order of Honourable NGT dated 08.11.2017.

27	20.08.2021	Letter issued from Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal officer (FCA) from O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tripura to DFO, West District to expedite submission of Part-II mentioning that CPWD had already submitted revised maps of proposed land.
28	21.08.2021	CPWD submitted land statement for diversion of 14.23188 Hactares forest land for establishment of GPRA Complex, CPWD, Gandhigram, Agartala to The Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer, FCA, O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Tripura with copy to DFO, West Forest District, Agartala.
29	21.08.2021	Joint field verification at Sadar SF range by CPWD officials with District Forest Officer of west forest district, Tehsildar of Gandhigram.
30	29.12.2021	Joint field verification/inspection of GPRA Gandhigram, Agartala by CPWD officials with District Forest Officer of West Forest district, Tehsildar of Gandhigram, Sub-divisional Forst Officer of Sadar Forest sub-division and Range officer of Mohanpur Range.
31	29.04.2022	Letter received from Deputy Conservator of Forest (FCA) from O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tripura to CPWD with direction for submission of proposal to the DM & Collector, West.
32	17.06.2022	DM (Collector), Tripura West was requested by CPWD vide letter to issue FRA cerificate with re-submission of all relevant documents and statements. (DM, West Tripura has requested previously by CPWD vide letter dated 07.11.2020 and 03.02.2021 to issue FRA Certificate).
33	25.06.2022	Reply of the observations from Deputy Inspector General of Forest, MoEF & CC, Regional office, Shillong submitted by CPWD enclosing Undertaking for the CA (Compensatory Afforestation), NPV (Net Present Value). Soft copies of SHAPE FILE and copy of letters dated 07.11.2020, 03.02.2021, 17.06.2022 addressed to DM for issuance of FRA certificate were also enclosed.
34	21.11.2022	As per the direction from Deputy Conservator of Forest (FCA) from O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tripura, CPWD submitted Chronology of the events/works taken up in the proposed land since inception till date to Deputy Conservator of Forest (FCA) from O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tripura as desired by them.

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