## GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE ITANAGAR

No.FOR.11-06/Cons/2018/ 864-71

Dated Itanagar, the 4 March'2022

To

The Commander, GQ 763 BRTF, C/o 99 APO, PIN-792103.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 14.29 ha of forest land for construction of Survansamba to Kanakpur road from 0.00 km to 6.83 km in Tawang District of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sir

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change's letter vide No. 11/160/2019-FC dtd. 23.06.2021 has conveyed that in respect of all the proposals which have been granted In-principale (Stage-I) approval by the State Government before the expiry of the validity of General approval of the Ministry and are pending for Stage-II approval, the concerned State Government/UT Administration may accord final approval.

In pursuance of the aforesaid letter and after careful consideration of the proposal and due fulfillment of all the stipulated conditions of Stage-I approval issued vide letter No.FOR.11-06/Cons/2018/3176-81 dtd 31.12.2020, final approval (Stage-II approval) under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act'1980 for diversion of 14.29 ha of forest land for construction of Survansamba to Kanakpur road from 0.00 km to 6.83 km in Tawang District of Arunachal Pradesh is hereby granted by the State Govt. as the proposed road is within 100 km of aerial distance from LAC as certified by the User Agency subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. The compensatory afforestation over equivalent area diverted i.e. 14.30 ha is to be taken up in degraded forest land identified by DFO, Hapoli at Repari (Buduru) VFR under Hapoli Forest Division as per the fund deposited by the User Agency & scheme approved by the State Govt. The Compensatory Afforestation Plantation shall consist of mixed indigenous species which shall include 20% of Medical Plants/Herbs/Shrubs.
- 3. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency shall undertake afforestation measures of indigenous species along the roads within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency.
- 4. The tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable under strict supervision of the State Forest Department. The actual felling when and how carried out need to be informed.
- 5. The user agency will undertake comprehensive soil and water conservation measures at the project cost.
- 6. No damage to flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
- 7. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- 8. No labour camp shall be established outside ROW granted for the road alignment.
- 9. The user agency shall provide fuel wood, preferably alternate fuel, to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling of trees or buy the fuel wood from the extracted timber from the Forest Department to be used by labourers.

- 10. The muck dumping area shall be stabilized and plantation of suitable indigenous species shall be carried out over stabilized dumps at the cost of the user agency under the supervision of State Forest Department.
- 11. The diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground with RCC pillars at the cost of User Agency in consultation with the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 12. The muck dumping shall be done at the designated sites under the supervision of the representative of Divisional Forest Officer, Tawang Social Forestry Division.
- 13. The User Agency will undertake construction/maintenance of retaining/breast wall in steep slopes to ensure soil stabilation and provide for proper drains/cross drains.
- 14. The designing of the culverts/bridges, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of the water. It should not cause rise of water level resulting in water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.
- 15. All site specific engineering structures like retaining walls, breast wall and drainage shall be constructed to avoid any soil erosion and for slope stability of the concerned hills.
- 16. The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 17. The User Agency will have to obtain the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 clearance for removal, if any, of stone, river sand, river boulders in forest land.
- 18. The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 19. In case of any violation of the stipulated conditions immediate action is to be taken by the Forest Department as per Ministry's letter No.5-5/86/FC dtd 07/12/1999 and this office letter No.2-1-51/2004/RONE/Vol-II/3181-02 dtd 28/12/2006.
- 20. The layout of the plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- 21. The State Government and User Agency shall submit an annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to IRO, Guwahati.
- 22. In future, any other conditions, as may be found appropriate for the betterment of environment & wildlife, may be imposed by IRO, Guwahati.
- 23. The project proponent shall publish entire forest clearance granted in verbatim in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and the other in English language so as to make people aware of the permission granted to the project proponent for use of forest land for non-forest purposes.
- 24. A copy of the forest clearance order shall be sent by the proponent to concerned heads of Local Bodies, Panchayat, Zilla Parishad and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same for 30 days from the date of receipt
- 25. This approval may be revoked if the above conditions of approval are not complied to the satisfaction of the IRO, Guwahati.
- 26. This approval is being given under the general approval given by Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GoI vide their letter F. No.11-246/2014-FC dtd. 19.04.2018 and permission accorded for Stage-II approval vide MoEF & CC's letter F. No. FC.11/160/2019-FC dtd 23.06.2021.

You are, therefore, allowed to use the diverted forestland strictly for construction of the road as proposed and approved subject to the fulfillment of conditions mentioned above and on obtaining of all other clearances/permissions, as might be required.

Yours faithfully,

(R.K.Singh) PCCF (A & V) & Nodal Officer (FCA)

## Copy to:

- 1. The Inspector General of Forests, Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (FC Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110003.
- 2. The Inspector General of Forests (Central), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Housefed Building, GS Road, Rukmini Gaon, Guwahati-781022 with the request to update the status of the proposal to approved category on PARIVESH Portal of MoEF & CC.
- 3. The Chief Conservator of Forest, WAC, Banderdewa for information. He is requested to ensure that all the conditions metioned above are strictly complied with by the User Agency and there is no deviation from the purpose and also no violation of the provisions of F (C) Act, 1980 is there.
- 4. The CEO, State Authority for information alongwith copy of CA scheme with the request to ensure taking up of CA at designated site only.
- 5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Tawang Social Forestry Division for information. The User Agency authority may be allowed to use the land in question strictly for the purpose as approved. They will ensure that all the conditions mentioned above are strictly complied with by the User Agency and there is no deviation from the actual purpose of utilization of forest land and also no violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 takes place. Their special attention is drawn to the conditions mentioned at Sl. No.10 above. While marking the trees, it should be ensured that the minimum number of unavoidable trees actually required to be felled are marked for felling.
- 6. The Divisional Forest Officer, Hapoli Forest Division for necessary action.

7. The Nodal Officer (P), Arunank, C/o 99 APO for information and necessary action.

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