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Ref. No. 1677/FCA/FEWMD/504/510

Dated 10/8/2017

To,

The Nodal Officer  
For Chief Engineer  
Project Swastik, HQ  
Border Road Organization  
C/o 99 APO.

Subject: **Proposal for diversion of 5.7235 Ha of Forest Land for widening/improvement of Singtam – Dikchu CI-9 District Road to National Highway Double Lane (NHDL specification) in East District by 87 RCC (GREF), BRO – Final Approval regarding.**

Sir,

After careful examination of the aforesaid proposal on the basis of compliance of conditions fulfilled by the User agency in completeness as stipulated in the stage-I (In-Principle) approval, the State Govt. hereby accords the **Stage-II (Final Approval)** in terms of the General Approval and subsequent Guidelines conveyed by the MoEF&CC, Govt of India, New Delhi under section 2 of the said Act [vide MoEF's earlier guidelines letter No. letter F. No.11-246/2014-FC dated the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2014 in this respect], for diversion of 5.7235 Ha of Forest Land for widening/improvement of Singtam – Dikchu CI-9 District Road to National Highway Double Lane (NHDL specification) in East District by 87 RCC (GREF), BRO, subject to compliance of the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained over an area of 5.7235 Ha in degraded forest land in a single patch identified at Sang RF under Singtam Range in East (T) Division as per the fund deposited by the User Agency. The Compensatory Afforestation plantation shall consist of mixed indigenous species which shall include 20% of Medicinal Plants/Herbs/Shrubs.
3. The demarcation of forest land proposed for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost by the user agency using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward and backward bearing and distance from pillar to pillar super scribed on the pillars and the compliance report be submitted to the Ministry office within 3 months after final approval. The inter pillar distance may be kept 50 feet apart or so depending upon the visibility.
4. Damage of forest crops and Environment at the time of construction should be minimum.
5. The tree felling shall be done only, when it is necessary and unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
6. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
7. In order to avoid pressure on neighboring forests, the User Agency should arrange fuel wood, preferably alternate fuel to the laborers working at the site.
8. No labor camps shall be established in the forest land.
9. User Agency shall assist State Forest Department in controlling feral/stray dogs and ensure that the waste food originating in camp site is not disposed off in the open.
10. All the blank areas and roads sides should be planted by the user agency.



11. The overburden shall not be dumped outside the diverted land. The muck generated in the earth cuttings if any will be disposed off at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
12. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
13. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person.
14. The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
15. The User Agency will have to obtain the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 clearance for removal of any stone, river sand, river boulders in forest land.
16. 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 dated 07.12.1999 and this office letter No.2-1-51/2004/RONE/Vol II/3181-02 dated 28.12.2006.
17. This approval will be revoked if the above conditions of approval are not complied with to the satisfaction of the North Eastern Regional Office, Shillong.
18. Any other conditions as may be found appropriate in future for the betterment of environment & wildlife, may be imposed by APCCF (C), North Eastern Regional Office.

Therefore, you are requested to advise the concerned official to take over the possession of the diverted forest land from DFO (T) East Division, Gangtok after fulfillment of condition No. 3 above and submit a copy of report to the undersigned for record. The other statutory conditions may also be complied with the execution of the project duly considering the essentiality of forest conservation is concerned.

This issue within the delegated powers of the State Govt. as conveyed by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India with the Guidelines, referred to above, for border security related infrastructure projects of the user agency.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- (Y.P. Gurung, IFS),

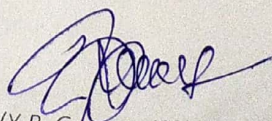
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| 1. PCCF-cum-Pr. Secretary/FEWMD                                    | : | For information, please.                                                                                                                  |
| 2. CCF(T/HQ)                                                       | : | -do-                                                                                                                                      |
| 3. CF (Territorial) Gangtok.                                       | : | -do-                                                                                                                                      |
| 4. RK Joshi, Major, Officer Commanding<br>87 RCC (GREF) PIN 930087 | : | -do-                                                                                                                                      |
| 5. DFO (East Territorial Div.) Gangtok                             | : | For information with a direction to carryout<br>handing/taking of diverted forest land as per<br>the prescribed format attached herewith. |

  
(Y.P. Gurung, IFS),  
CF-cum-Nodal Officer(FCA)