

REPLY BY NODAL OFFICER TO QUERY (EDS) BY STATE GOVERNMENT  
REGARDING THE PROPOSAL FOR FOREST CLEARANCE OF 6.76 HECTARES  
FOREST LAND FOR APPROACH ROAD TO CEMENT PLANT  
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**Query:** The user agency is to file application for all the forest areas held by them simultaneously before this proposal is further processed.

**Reply:** The user agency has also filed applications for forest clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for other forest areas held by them, as follows:

1. Application for prospecting licence of limestone in 0.44 ha out of 44.58 ha of forest land has been submitted by the user agency and accorded 'In-Principle Approval' by the Govt of India. A compliance report to the conditions of the 'in-principle approval' has also been submitted to the State Govt for taking up further with the Govt of India.
2. Application for forest clearance of 6.55 ha of forest land (limestone mining = 4.89 ha + approach road to mine area = 0.74 ha + site office = 0.92 ha) has also been submitted by the user agency. The application has been processed by the DFO (T) Jowai and the CF (T) Shillong and forwarded from the Circle to the Nodal Officer on 13.1.2017 for further processing and onward submission to State Govt. The application is pending with the Nodal Officer.

Since the user agency has submitted applications for the other forest areas held by them as mentioned above, this proposal for diversion of 6.76 ha of forest land for the approach road to plant area may be processed further.

  
**Nodal Officer FC Act**  
**Meghalaya, Shillong.**