

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6

ECF No.221358/146

Dated Dispur, the 18th November, 2022

To : The Inspector General of Forest (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office, 4th Floor, Housefed Building,
G.S Road, Rukminigaon, Guwahati-781022

Sub: **Diversion of 14.56 hectare of forest land for widening/up-gradation of NH-29 from 2 lane to 4 lane divided NH from Daboka to Lahorijan in Sildharampur Reserved Forest and Patradisa&Longit DCRF under Karbi Anglong East Division, Diphu by NHIDCL.**

Ref : Govt. of India letter F. No 3-AS C/136/2022/GHY/3215-3216 dated 15.11.2022.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to your letter on the subject cited above, I am directed to furnish herewith the following additional information/documents as sought vide letter under reference for favour of your kind information and necessary action:-

Govt. of India letter No 3-AS C/136/2022/ GHY/ 3215-3216 dated 15.11.2022	Information Provided
Condition No. (1)	<p>The User Agency (NHIDCL) vide letter No. NHIDCL/PMU-DIPHU/D-K/Sec-2/15/2021-22/2093 dated 17.11.2022 (Copy enclosed as Annexure- III) has stated that the NH-36 (Old)/NH-29 (New) from Daboka to Lakorijan was entrusted to NHIDCL vide Govt. of India Notification dated 3.7.2020.</p> <p>The said road was declared a National Highway vide Govt. of India Gazette Notification dated 21.07.1971. Prior to this, the road was an important connectivity corridor in the State of Assam. The copy of Gazette Notification dated 21.07.1971 is enclosed as Annexure- I.</p> <p>The Executive Engineer, Bakalia NH Division, Diphu, Govt. of Assam vide letter dated 4.10.2022 (Copy enclosed as Annexure- II) has conveyed the following with regards to the Forest Clearance of the existing road:</p> <p>“It may be appreciated that the existing road was declared as NH in the year 1971 as per the Gazette Notification No. PL-5 (17)/69 dated 21.7.1971 and considered for up-gradation to NH along the existing road without any realignment. As such requirement of Forest Clearance did not arise. The road was in existence/under use since last 50 years and above and no record of Forest Clearance immediately available”</p>
Condition No. (2)	<p>The forest diversion proposal under consideration covers two packages i.e. Packages 2 & Packages -5.</p> <p>The Divisional Forest Officer, Karbi Anglong East Division, Diphu vide letter No. B/KAE/NHIDCL/Section-5/2021-22/826-28 dated 7.9.2021 and B/KAE/NHIDCL/Section-2/2021-22/820-22 dated 7.9.2021 (Copy enclosed as Annexure- IV) has stated that aerial distance of the Sildharampur RF (Proposed area) from the East Karbi Anglang Wildlife Sanctuary is 27.80 Km and aerial distance of Lognit DCRF (Proposed area) from the Marat Longri Wildlife Sanctuary is 7.16 Km .</p>

Condition No. (3)	<p>The Marat Longri Wildlife Sanctuary has not been notified. Also as per aerial distance report of the DFO it is found that the proposed area in Lognit DCRF falls within the 10 KM ESZ of Marat Longri Wildlife Sanctuary.</p> <p>The Spcl. PCCF, Karbi Anglong submitted the Site Inspection Report of the proposed Compensatory Afforestation site along with photographs (Copy enclosed as Annexure-V).</p>
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Yours faithfully,

(M. Hassan, ACS)
Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Environment and Forest Department

Memo ECF No.221358/146-A

Dated Dispur, the 18th November, 2022

Copy to:-
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Assam Panjabari
Guwahati-37.

(E-SIGNED)
Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Environment and Forest Department

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS AND
HEAD OF FOREST FORCE, ASSAM
ARANYA BHAWAN, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-37

Email: adplpccf.nodal@gmail.com

No. FG.27/FCA/Proposal/Road/NHIDCL/ K.A.E.Divn.

Date: 18.11.2022

To,

✓ The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam
Environment and Forest Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.

Sub: Forest diversion proposal of 14.56 Ha. of forest land for widening/up-gradation of NH-29 from 2 lane to 4 lane divided NH from Daboka to Lahorijan in Sildharampur Reserved Forest and Patradisa & Longit DCRF under Karbi Anglong East Division, Diphu by NHIDCL.

Ref: Government of India letter No. 3-AS C/136/2022/GHY/3215-3216 dated 15.11.2022.

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am submitting herewith the additional information/documents as sought by the Government of India, MoEF &CC, Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati vide their letter No. 3-AS C/136/2022/GHY/3215-3216 dated 15.11.2022 as under-

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The above-mentioned information may kindly be sent to the Government of India, MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati accordingly.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. C Muthukumaravel, IFS)

Chief Conservator of Forests &

Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam

O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and

Head of Forest Force, Assam

Copy to:

1. The Inspector General of Forest (Central), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, 4th Floor, Housefed Building, G.S Road, Rukminigaon, Guwahati-781022 for kind information.
2. The Special Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Karbi Anglong for information.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Karbi Anglong East Division, Diphu for information.
4. The Executive Director (P), NHIDCL, 2nd Floor, Agnishanti, GNB Road, Ambari, Guwahati-781001.

Chief Conservator of Forests &

Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam

O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and

Head of Forest Force, Assam

(48 of 1956), the Central Government hereby declares the highway between its junction (near Kolaghat) with the National Highway No. 6 and the point where it touches Haldia Port to be a national highway.

The said highway now declared to be a national highway shall be deemed to be specified in the Schedule to the National Highways Act, 1956 at serial No. 36A as National Highway No. 41.

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No. PL-5 (17)/69

Dated the 21st July, 1971

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 2 of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956), the Central Government hereby declares the highways specified in the Table below to be national highways:

TABLE

(Supplemental to Schedule to the National Highways Act, 1956 — No. 48 of 1956)

Serial No.	National Highway No.	Description of national highways
5A	4A	The highway connecting Belgum, Anmol, Ronda and Panaji.
6A	5A	The highway starting from its junction near Haldia Port with N.H. No. 5 and terminating at the Paradip Port.
13D	21	The highway starting from its junction near Chandigarh with the N.H. No. 22 and connecting Rupur, Bilaspur, Mandi, Kuli and Manali.
21A	36	The highway connecting Nowgong, Debata and Dimapur (Munipur Road).
35A	41	The highway connecting Sillibong, Puzi, Badarpur and Agartala.

GOVT. OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.W.D., BAKULIA NH DIVISION, DIPHU

No BNH/NHIDCL/2022-23/ 10AA

Dated Guwahati the 4th Oct'2022

To
✓ The General Manager(P)
NHIDCL, PMU-Diphu
Karbi Anglong, Assam

Sub: Status of Forest Clearance of existing road from Daboka to Lahorijan NH-29 (old NH-36)

Ref : Your letter No.NHIDCL /PMU-Diphu/OFF-CORR/005/2022-23/2025 dated 04.11.2022

Sir,

With reference to the above ,I have the honour to state that the road stretches from Daboka to Lahorijan was handed over to NHIDCL and same was taken over by NHIDCL on 12.10.2020 with ROW ranging between 12 m to 30 m In various chainages as follows –

- (i) From Ch. 38/00 to 42/00 (Burigaon) . ROW -20.00 m
- (ii) From Ch. 42/00 to 48/00 (Haldhia) ROW – 12.00 m – Daboka Reserve Forest
- (iii) From Ch. 48/00 to 160/00 (Lahorijan) , ROW-30.00 m – Sildharampur R.F, Patradisa DCRF, Longit DCRF and Daldali RF

It may be appreciated that the existing road was declared as NH in the year of 1971 as per Gazette notification No. PL-5(17)/69 dated 21/07/1971 and considered for up gradation to NH along the existing road without any realignment. As such requirement of Forest clearance did not arise. The road was in existence /under use since last 50 years and above and no record of Forest clearance immediately available.

This for your kind disposal.

Yours faithfully,

(H. RAHMAN)
Executive Engineer, PWD,
Bakulia NH Division, Diphu

Memo No BNH/NHIDCL/2022-23/ 10AA-AE
Copy forwarded to the –

Dated Guwahati the 4th Oct'2022

1. The Special Commissioner and Special Secretary, P.W.D. (Building & NH) Dispur, Guwahati-6, for favour of kind information.
2. The Special Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Karbi Anglong for favour of information.
3. The DFO, East Division/ West Division, Karbi Anglong for favour of information.
4. The Executive Director,(P), NHIDCL for information

(H. RAHMAN)
Executive Engineer, PWD,
Bakulia NH Division, Diphu

NHIDCL/PMU-Diphu/D-K/Sec-2/15/2021-22/2093

Date:17.11.2022

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests &
Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam
AranyaBhawan, Panjabari,
Guwahati-37

Sub.: Forest Clearance Proposal bearing No.: FP/AS/ROAD/125122/2021 for diversion of 14.56 Ha land in the KarbiAnglong (East) Division for the widening/up-gradation of NH-29 from 2 Lane to 4 lane divided NH from Daboka to Lahorijan in Sildharampur Reserved Forest and Patradisha&LongitDCRF.

Ref.: MoEF&CC's letter no.: F No.:3 AS C/136/2022/GHY/3215-16 dated 15.11.2022

Sir

Please refer to MoEF&CC's letter dated 15.11.2022 vide which certain observations have been raised by MoEF&CC IRO, Guwahati.

2. In this regard, the inputs pertaining to this office are being complied as below:

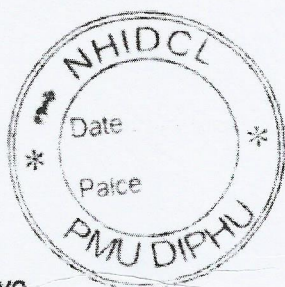
Observation	Reply
Sl. No. 1:The details of Forest Clearance of the exiting Road	<p>The NH-36 (Old)/NH-29 (New) from Daboka to Lahorijan was entrusted to NHIDCL vide Govt. of India Notification dated 03.07.2020.</p> <p>The said road was declared a National Highway vide Govt. of India Gazette Notification dated 21.07.1971. Prior to this, the road was an important connectivity corridor in the State of Assam. The copy of Gazette Notification dated 21.07.1971 is enclosed.</p> <p>The Executive Engineer, Bakalia NH Division, Diphu, Govt. of Assam vide its letter dated 04.10.2022 (Copy Enclosed) has conveyed the following with regard to the Forest Clearance of the existing road:</p> <p><i>"It may be appreciated that the existing road was declared as NH in the year of 1971 as per the Gazette Notification No.: PL-5(17)/69 dated 21/07/1971 and considered for upgradation to NH along the existing road without any realignment. As such requirement of Forest Clearance did not arise. The road was in existence/under use since last 50 years and above and no record of Forest Clearance immediately available."</i></p>
Sl. No. 2:The aerial distance of the proposed area from the nearest Protected Area/National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary as the submitted	<p>The Forest Diversion proposal under consideration covers two Packages- Package 2 & Package 5 of NH-29. The DFO, KarbiAnglong, East Division vide its letters dated 07.09.2021 (Copy Enclosed) has intimated the following:</p>

information is confusing

Package	Deliberation by DFO, KA, East Division
2	It has been stated that the aerial distance of the Sildharampur RF (proposed area) from the East KarbiAnglong Wildlife Sanctuary is 27.80 Km
5	It has been stated that the aerial distance of the Lognit DCRF (proposed area) from the Marat Longri Wildlife Sanctuary is 7.16 Km

The letters of DFO, KarbiAnglong, East Division are enclosed for ready reference.

3. In view of the above, the above compliances are being submitted in reply to the observations raised by MoEF&CC. As far as the observation raised in Point No.: 3 is concerned, the same are to be furnished by the DFO, KA West Division. It is requested to kindly instruct the DFO, KA East to furnish the reply expeditiously.





(Col R R Katyal)
General Manager (P)
NHIDCL, PMU-Diphu
Assam

Encl : As above.

Copy to:

1. The DFO, Karbi Anglong East Division: for information and necessary action please.
2. The ED(P)-RO Guwahati: for kind information please.

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**KARBI ANGLONG AUTONOMOUS COUNCIL,
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER :: KARBI ANGLONG EAST DIVISION.**
D I P H U

No. B/KAE/NHIDCL/Section-5/2021-22/ 1826 - 28

Dated: 07/09/2021.

From:
Shri J. N. Rongpi, AFS
Divisional Forest Officer,
Karbi Anglong East Division, Diphu

E-mail : dfo.t.karbieast@gmail.com

To,

✓ General Manager (Project)
NHIDCL, PMU- Assam,
Diphu - 782460.

Sub:- Submission of distance of nearest National Park/ Wild life Sanctuary/ Biosphere Reserve from Longnit DCRF regarding Widening/Improving to 4 lane with paved shoulder from Km 96+40 to Km 113+830 of Ganpath Gaur Gaon- Kwaram Taro Section (Pkg-5) of NH-29 in the state of Assam under Bharatmala Paryojna on EPC Mode.

Ref:- Letter No. NHIDCL/PMU-DIPHU/D-K/SEC-5/18/2020-21/488 dtd. 01/09/2021.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I have the honour to inform you that the aerial distance of the Mid Co-ordinate of GPS point 25°59'34.36"N 93°18'6.37"E of Longnit DCRF which was indicated in your letter as such, the Marat Longit Wildlife Sanctuary is 7.16 Km from the existing road of National Highway- 36 across the Jamuna River.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Forest Officer,
Karbi Anglong East Division, Diphu

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary, I/c. Environment & Forests, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu for favour of her kind information and necessary action.
2. The Assistant Conservator of Forests, I/c. Central Range, Manja for information.

Divisional Forest Officer,
Karbi Anglong East Division, Diphu.

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KARBI ANGLONG AUTONOMOUS COUNCIL,
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER :: KARBI ANGLONG EAST DIVISION.

D I P H U

No. B/KAE/NHIDCL/Section-2/2021-22/ 1820-22

Dated: 07/09/2021.

From:
Shri J. N. Rongpi, AFS
Divisional Forest Officer,
Karbi Anglong East Division, Diphu

E-mail : dfo.t.karbleast@gmail.com

To,

✓ General Manager (Project)
NHIDCL, PMU- Assam,
Diphu - 782460.

Sub:-

Submission of distance of nearest National Park/ Wild life Sanctuary/ Biosphere Reserve from Sildharampur RF regarding Widening/Improving to 4 lane with paved shoulder from Km 50+7.10 to Km 65+9.23 of Parokhowa-Dokmoka Section (Pkg-2) of NH-29 in the state of Assam under Bharatmala Paryojna on EPC Mode.

Ref:-

Letter No. NHIDCL/PMU-DIPHU/D-K/SEC-5/18/2020-21/486 dtd. 01/09/2021.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I have the honour to inform you that the aerial distance of the Mid Co-ordinate of GPS point $25^{\circ}13'6.28''N$ $93^{\circ}01'4.12''E$ of Sildharampur RF which was indicated in your letter as such, the East Karbi Anglong Wildlife Sanctuary is 27.8 Km from the existing road of National Highway- 36 and Sildharampur RF under Western Range, Dokmoka of this Division.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Forest Officer,
Karbi Anglong East Division, Diphu

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary, I/c. Environment & Forests, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu for favour of her kind information and necessary action.
2. The Range Officer, Western Range, Dokmoka for information.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Karbi Anglong East Division, Diphu.

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

The PCCF-cum-CHD(Forests), Karbi Anglong, accompanied by the DFO, K.A. East Division and his team of forest officials including FRs, ACFs, Foresters, Forest Guards etc. and the team of officials from NHIDCL have caused site inspection of part of 13.28 Ha. Of C.A. area on 07/11/2022, identified by the DFO earlier at Central Range, Manja under K.A. East Division. As a part of the identified C.A. area consists of some good forest patch, it was decided to exclude the particular patch and select the site slightly inwards where Kathal, non-teak, non-sal and other miscellaneous species were noticed including pineapple which was found to be grown by villagers from Tissom Gaon. Further, Phuljharu cultivation was also noticed slightly ahead. It may be noted here that the plantation area identified for C.A. is inside Longnit DCRF. As the identified plantation site by the concerned DFO was slightly changed, it would require geo-referencing, including preparation of KML files etc., again by the concerned DFO and shall be submitted by him for necessary action. The identified plantation area is with above change and also by involving the local people to ensure protection subsequently, for achieving success. Therefrom, went to the other part of the identified C.A. area chosen by the concerned DFO. It may be stated here that it is not correct to say that 15.84 Ha. C.A. area was identified at Western Range of Karbi Anglong Forest Division and the comments about Marat Longri W.L. Sanctuary are also not valid, as informed by the concerned DFO. According to the concerned DFO, the identified C.A. area falls in Tikok PRF under Western Range, Dokmoka, K.A. East Division, a part of which was inspected with the above team on 07/11/2022. The identified site was found to contain coppice growth of teak trees, bamboo thickets, non-teak and other miscellaneous species. However, the site identified was found to be heavily infested with weeds including *Lantana camara*, *Eupatorium*, some leguminaceous species etc., which need to be cleared if the plantation is undertaken. The identified area appears to be an open forest by and large. The local villagers may be involved in raising the plantation to make it a success if considered. The photographs taken at the inspection site are enclosed herewith.

Encl: Photographs.




Spl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Karbi Anglong..... Diphu.

Spl. PCCF-cum-CHD (F)
Karbi Anglong, Diphu



