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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT DISPUR, GUWAHATI.

ECF No.288519/53 Dated Dispur, the 30th May,2023

From: Smti. Neera Daulagupu, ACS

Secretary to the Government of Assam, Environment and Forest Department

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 : Rectified forest diversion of 5.40 hectare of forest land for operation of

Gopeswar Stone Quarry& Mining Zone Area under North Kamrup Division in

favour of Sri Fatik Das, Guwahati.

Case No: Proposal No.FP/AS/Qry/37021/2018.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a proposal received from the P.C.C.F &H.o.F.F. Assam, state for operation Gopeswar Stone Quarry& Mining Zone Area under DFO, North Kamrup Division, Rangia for diversion of 5.40 hectare of forest land, submitted by Sri Fatik Das, S/o Late Fanidhar Das, P.O- Bamunimaidam, P.S- Chandmari, Dist- Kamrup (M), Guwahati-781021 for seeking diversion of forest land under section 2 (ii) of Forest Conservation Act,1980.

1. Brief Description:-

This proposal seeks diversion of 5.40 Ha. forest land for opening of Gopeswar Stone Quarry& Mining Zone Areaunder Gopeswar Reserve Forest submitted by Sri Fatik Das, S/o Late Fanidhar Das, P.O- Bamunimaidam, P.S- Chandmari, Dist- Kamrup (M), Guwahati-781021. The details of the project proponent, year of incorporation, past track record, areas of business operation along with project cost enclosed in the part-I submitted by user agency.

2. Details of forest land proposed for diversion :-

The total land involved in the project is 5.40 Ha. out of this, the forest land in the State of Assamis as follows:-

	Total	5.40Ha.	Total	Ha.
			e) Private forest	На.
			dictionary meaning	
d) Village forests		На.	d) Area defined as forests in	Ha.
c) Un-classed		На.	c) Area recorded	Ha.
b) P.R.F		На.	b) Panchayat forest	Ha.
a) R.F		5.40 Ha.	a) Revenue forest	Ha.

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3. Maps enclosed:-

The user agency has furnished the following maps duly countersigned by the Divisional Forest Officer,

- (i) Map showing the geo reference map location of proposed project .(scale 1:50,000)
- (ii) Toposheet No.(s) of the Survey of India of the proposed diversion area (scale 1:50,000).
- (iii) Toposheet No.(s) of the Survey of India of the proposed Compensatory Afforestation area (scale 1:50,000)

Total forest area involved 5.40 Ha.

4. Assessment of stock:-

The forest area is situated in the North Kamrup Division of the State. The proposed project shall affect no tress and bamboo clumps. The ruling crown density is nil and assessed ecoclass of the proposed diversion area is Eco Class –I.

5. Flora and Fauna and archaeological importance:-

The area does not form/form a part of National Park/Sanctuary or Biosphere Reserve, sample or preservation plot. Moreover, the area does not have/possess importance from archaeological view point.

6. Compensatory Afforestation:-

The forest land to be diverted for the above project is 5.38 Ha. An equivalent area of non-forest land (5.38) has been identified for Compensatory Afforestation. The details are as follows:-

Non-forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation

District	Tehsil	Village	Khasra No.	1	Area in Ha.	The area is in on/ several patches	Is suitable for raising CA
Kamrup (R)		Dakhin Mandakata village	Dag 835	No	5.40 Ha.	1 No.	yes

The map showing the above identified land has been enclosed with the diversion proposal.

The above area is proposed to be covered under plantation. The Divisional Forest Office, North Kamrup Division, Rangia has drawn-up compensatory afforestation scheme with a financial outlay of Rs.64,61,555.00. The Compensatory Afforestation Scheme has been technically approved by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Assam Circle, Guwahati .

The Divisional Forest Officer, North Kamrup Division, Rangiahas given certificate regarding suitability of the lands for Compensatory Afforestation 5.40 Ha. The user agency has furnished undertaking to deposit the amount of Compensatory Afforestation scheme after Stage I clearance.

7. Displacement of human population:-

No human population is being displaced owing to the project.

8. Environment Clearance:-

The environmental clearance obtained as per statutory norms.

9. Cost- benefit analysis:-

Not applicable as proposal involves forest land less than 20 Ha.

10. Violation of Forest Conservation Act/Indian ForestAct :-

No Violation

11. Recommendations of the State Government:-

The PCCF &H.o.F.F, Assam/ Nodal officer has recommended the proposal. The Assessment officers and concerned senior officers without any adverse note, have commented in favour of the same. The proposed diversion site is not a part of National Park/Sanctuary/Biosphere Reserve. Sample plot, preservation plot, ecologically fragile zone. The diversion will not at all to affect habitat of any endemic, threatened species of fauna or flora, affect on any stream, sea or water body i.e. on forest ecosystem and biodiversity. It will not also adversely affect on supply of daily needs to the rural masses.

I would, therefore, request you to kindly convey the approval of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest Conservation Act,1980 for diversion of the forest land in question in favour of leasing the same to Sri Fatik Das, S/o Late Fanidhar Das, P.O- Bamunimaidam, P.S- Chandmari, Dist- Kamrup (M), Guwahati-781021.

Yours faithfully,

Enclo: As stated above

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam Environment & Forest Department

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Memo ECF No.288519/53-A,

Dated Dispur, the 30th May,2023

Copy forwarded to:

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Assam Panjabari, Guwahati-37 for information and necessary action.
- 2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Lower Assam Zone, Guwahati-29 for information and necessary action.
- 3. The Chief Conservator of Forests, & Nodal Officer, O/o the P.C.C.F &H.o.F.F., Assam Panjabari, Guwahati-37 for information and necessary action.
- 4. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Assam Circle, Basistha, Guwahati for information and necessary action
- 5. The Divisional Forest Officer, North Kamrup Division, Rangia for information.
- 6. Sri Fatik Das, S/o Late Fanidhar Das, P.O- Bamunimaidam, P.S- Chandmari, Dist-Kamrup (M), Guwahati-781021

(E-Signed)

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam Environment & Forest Department