

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Date: 17th February, 2022

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Mizoram,
Aizawl.

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 63.441 ha Reserved forest land for the construction of National Institute of Technology under the Aizawl District of Mizoram State (Online Proposal No FP/MZ/SCH/148602/2021)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the online proposal No FP/MZ/SCH/148602/2021 uploaded on PARIVESH by Govt. of Mizoram seeking prior approval under section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After preliminary examination of the proposal, the following observations are made:

- i. It is reported by the Govt. of Mizoram that the violation has done since last 2 years within 63.441 ha Tlawng Riverine Reserve forest but the nature of violation, exact area of violation and action taken thereof by the State Govt. are not given.
- ii. This is a non-site specific proposal. Therefore, three alternative sites should have been provided by the State Govt. if not done earlier, then the same may be explored and submit with convincing justification for locating the project in the forest area which is highly prone to erosion.
- iii. Purpose wise/ component wise breakup of the activities proposed to be carried within the area proposed for diversion has not been furnished.
- iv. The user agency is State Govt. who is not entitled for CA in forestland. However, the CA has been proposed in forest land. Moreover, as per satellite imagery, all the CA patches identified in forest land are showing dense vegetation. Therefore, the CA sites shall be revised and furnished along-with KML file, DGPS Map, Topo-sheet Map, revised approved CA scheme.
- v. The undertakings for depositing of compensatory levies like NPV/CA etc. have not been given.
- vi. The process for settlement of Rights under the Forest Rights Acts 2006 has not yet been initiated.
- vii. Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion is not given.

In view of above, the State Govt. may be requested to furnish the information/document/clarification on the above points for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- i. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Mizoram, Aizawl.
- ii. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Shillong.
- iii. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Forest Department, Government of Mizoram, Aizawl.
- iv. User Agency.
- v. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
- vi. Guard File.