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F.No.3 AS 017/2019-SHI 118-119

15th April, 2019

सेवा मे,

मुख्य वन संरक्षक/ Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FCA),
O/oPCCF & HoFF, असम सरकार/ Govt of Assam,
पर्यावरण और वन विभाग/ Environment and Forest Department,
अन्या भवन / Aranya Bhawan, रोप कोवर ज्योति प्रसाद अग्रवाल पथ/ Rop Konwar Jyoti
Prasad Agarwal Path, श्रीमंत शंकरदेव कालखेत्र के पास/ Near Srimanta Sankardev
Kalakhetra, पंजाबारी/ Panjabari, गुवाहाटी / Guwahati-781037.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 5.0 hectare of forest land for operation of Ghagar Sand Gravel and Boulder Mahal under Lakhimpur Division in favour of DFO, Lakhimpur(User Agency).

Ref: Letter F. No. 8-6/2017-ROHQ dated 15.03.2019 of Govt of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

Sir,

With reference to the subject and letter cited above, I am directed to inform that the proposal mentioned under subject above was discussed and recommended by REC in its meeting held on 18.02.2019 and the original proposal was forwarded to Ministry New Delhi for approval of competent authority by Regional Office, Shillong vide letter F.No.3 AS 017/2019-SHI/3882 dated 26.02.2019. Thereafter, the original proposal has been returned from Ministry vide letter F.No. 8-6/2017-ROHQ dated 15.03.2019 with certain observations which are reproduced as below:-

- (i) Diversion of forest land has been sought for a period of 20 years while the Mining Plan has been prepared for a period of five years. Therefore, the validity of the proposed lease vis-av-vis forest clearance and Assam Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2013 and needs to be reconfirmed by the State Government.
- (ii) As per the recommendation contained in the report of the Committee, the approach road for the proposed quarry should be included in the diversion proposal. However, the same has not been included in the proposal. A justification for not including the approach road

into the diversion proposal needs to be obtained from the State Government/ Regional Office.

- (iii) Almost all proposals 13 old and 7 new have been proposed at isolated locations which will results in sporadic openings in the forest area and may also pose difficulties in their monitoring and impact assessments. The reasons/ justification for proposed sporadic openings in the forest area instead of restricting the same to a specific zone or localized area after identification of such local potential areas, needs to be obtained from the State Government.
- (iv) As per the instruction contained in the Ministry's letter dated 5th February, 2018 and 2nd May, 2018, the State Government was required to prepare a comprehensive environment management plan for sustainable mining within the forest area and pending the same no further forest clearance for mining leases should be accepted/ granted by the Regional Office in future unless the conditions referred in the letter dated 5th February, 2018 and 2nd May, 2018 are complied with by the State Govt. Comments of the State Govt/Regional Office on the preparation of aforementioned plan needs to be obtained before taking further action on the proposals.
- (v) Detail of LoI, if any, issued by the competent authority in accordance with the provisions of the Assam Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2013 for the proposed mining leases needs to be intimated by the State Government.

State Govt is requested to kindly furnish the above requisite information to this office at the earliest for further processing of this proposal.

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(आर. एल. सांगा)/(R.L.Sanga)

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/Deputy Inspector General of Forests(C)

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