

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

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Dated: 18th April,2023

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).

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the online proposal No. FP/MZ/SCH/148602/2021 on the above subject matter, and to inform that this proposal has been considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 24.03.2023. The minutes of the meeting are available on PARIVESH portal at www.parivesh.nic.in.

2. The Committee, after detailed deliberation and discussion with Regional Officer, IRO, Shillong deferred the proposal and sought the following information:-

- i. As per DSS analysis, out of 64.25 ha revenue land identified for Compensatory Afforestation at Village Pa Ngena Mual, an area of 53 ha. is Medium Dense Forest(MDF), therefore, it may not be feasible to accommodate 1000 plants/ha in the said land. However, the State Govt. has not submitted details of DFL to accommodate the balance seedlings. Accordingly, the State Govt. may identify suitable DFL to accommodate the balance plants and send the details along with site suitability certificates/KML files.
- ii. The State Govt. shall clarify whether the State Forest Department was involved by the site selection committee during the site selection.
- iii. As per analysis of the satellite imagery, the non-forestry activities appear to have been started during the year 2014 whereas the State Govt. has reported that the violation/construction started during 2016.State Govt. shall verify the same.
- iv. The updated status of the case registered by DFO Mamit under the Mizoram Forest Act shall be submitted.

3. In view of above, Govt. of Mizoram is requested to provide the reply on the

points raised above and it may please be noted that Nodal Officer (FCA)/PCCF, Govt. of Mizoram shall remain present in the meeting of the Advisory Committee whenever it is scheduled after receipt of information as indicated in para (2) above.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Mizoram, Aizawl.
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Shillong.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Forest Department, Government of Mizoram, Aizawl.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

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