GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

MIZORAM: AIZAWL

No. B22019/15/2019 - FC/PCCF / 28

Dated Aizawl, the August. 2021

To,

- 1. The Divisional Forest Officer. Lunglei Forest Division,
- 2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Thenzawl Forest Division.

Sub:

Proposal for diversion of 8.9856 ha. of forest land for Widening & Upgradation of NH-54 to 2-lane & geo-metric improvement in the State of Mizoram (PACKAGE-2)-Deemed Forest area - reg.

Ref:

1. No. 3-MZ C 059/2020-SHI/898-99

dt. 30.07.2021

2. Minutes of the REC meeting

dt. 04.08.2021

Please find enclosed herewith a copies of letters under reference and request to furnish the following information to PCCF office at the earliest.

- a) KML/Shape file of proposed forest diverted area and Compensatory Afforestation sites.
- b) Muck Dumping Plan along with Geo-coordinates/KML/Shape files.

This is for information & necessary action.

wAPCCF & Nodal Officer (FC)

Memo No. B22019/15/2019 - FC/PCCF Copy to:

Dated Aizawl, theth August, 2021

- 1. The Conservator of Forest (CC)/(NC) for information.
- 2. The General Manger(P), NHIDCL, PMU Lunglei for information and to submit Muck Dumping Plan with geo-coordinates through DFO concerned at the earliest. Email: pmu.lunglei@nhidcl.com
- 3. The Executive Director(P), NHIDCL, RO Aizawl, T-86, Tuikhuahtlang for information & similar action.

Email: ro-mizoram@nhidcl.com

4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Darlawn Forest Division for information & necessary action.

APCCF & Nodal Officer (FC)



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No.3-MZ C 059/2020-SHI/ 898-99

30th July, 2021

To.

Principal Secretary, Government of Mizoram, Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department, Aizawl-796001.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 8.9856 ha of forest land for widening and upgradation of NH-54 to 2-lane with paved shoulder and geometric improvements in the State of Mizoram ((Package-2)-Deemed Forest area by NHIDCL-reg.

Ref: State Govt letter No. B.22015/24/2020-FST/ dated 08.07.2021.

Sir.

With reference to the subject and letter cited above, I am directed to inform that the additional information submitted by the State Govt vide dated 08.07.2021 has been examined in this office. The KML / Shape file for proposed diversion and compensatory afforestation site is not found enclosed in the letter submitted even though it is mentioned as 'Attached as Annexure-V'. Further, the Muck Dumping Plan may also be submitted after duly approved by competent authority. The information may be submitted at the earliest for taking further necessary action from this end.

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(Mrs. Laetitia J. Syiemiong)

वन उप महानिरीक्षक (केंद्रीय)

/Deputy Inspector General of Forests(C)

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1. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC), Govt. of Mizoram, Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department, Aizawl.

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STATE: MIZORAM

REC बैठक के मिनट/ Minutes of the REC meeting

4th August, 2021

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	1,	F. No. 3 MZ C 059/2020-SHI	Proposal for diversion of 8.9856 Ha of Forest Land for widening and up-gradation of NH-54 to 2-lane with paved shoulder and geometrics improvement in the State of Mizoram (Package-2) Deem Forest by NHIDCL.	Mizoram	8.9856

State Government of Mizoram vide letter No.G.20015/2/2020-FST dated 07.09.2020 forwarded the proposal in regard to the diversion of 8.9856 Ha of Forest Land for widening and up-gradation of NH-54 to 2-lane with paved shoulder and geometrics improvement in the State of Mizoram (Package-2) Deem Forest by NHIDCL to Regional Office, Shillong, seeking forest clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The detail of the proposal was briefed to the REC members. As per the proposal submitted the legal status of proposed diversion involved is Deemed Forest. Out of 8.9856 Ha proposed for diversion, 3.893 ha is in Thenzawl Division and 5.0926 ha in Lunglei Division.

A total of 185 nos trees shall be affected /felled (69 nos in Lunglei Division and 116 nos in Serchhip District). Proposed area for diversion is 2.21 K from Khawnglung Wildlife Sanctuary. No violation is reported.

The KML / Shape file for the proposed diversion area and CA land was not found enclosed by State Govt in their letter dated 08.07.2021 and the same was requested by IRO, Shillong from the State Govt vide letter dated 30.07.2021.

The Compensatory Afforestation submitted in the proposal is over 10 ha of non-forest land has been identified in two patched i.e. 4 ha and 6 ha at Khawten Thang, Suangpuilawn Range, Darlawn Forest Division with financial outlay of Rs.16, 91,800/-. The Scheme for raising Avenue plantation is at the cost of Rs. 1914300/-. During discussion the Nodal Officer, Mizoram informed that the proposed area for CA is equivalent to the proposed area for diversion i.e. 8.9856 ha identified in Revenue land at Dawlawn Forest Division and land has already been mutated.

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During the meeting the muck dumping was discussed in detail where it was highlighted that in the proposal submitted the muck dumping area has not been included in the proposal, only the muck disposal location and co-ordinates with total quantity of muck was submitted by the user agency. The State Forest Department and user agency was not able to specify exactly the area for muck disposal, whether in forest land or non-forest land later the Nodal Officer, Mizoram informing that the matter will be enquired upon from the DFO concerned after inspection. It was decided by the REC that the details of muck dumping sites will be furnished by State Govt/User Agency.

After detailed discussion and considering the justification and its importance on a large population of the region from the project as it is public utility proposal, the REC recommended and approved the diversion of 8.9856 Ha of Forest Land for widening and upgradation of NH-54 to 2-lane with paved shoulder and geometrics improvement in the State of Mizoram (Package-2) Deem Forest by NHIDC., with all usual conditions of CA, NPV, Avenue Plantation and other standard conditions applicable for road project with extra precaution in hilly areas, subject to submission of the following:

- 1) KML / Shape file for proposed diversion area and compensatory afforestation site and its correctness after examination under DSS.
 - 2) Scheme for CA over non-forest land identified by State Govt with technical approval of competent authority, Site suitability certificate for CA.
 - 3) Mutation certificate for the proposed non-forest land for CA.
 - 4) Muck Dumping in forest land or non-forest land.
 - 5) Muck Dumping site with detail Muck Disposal Plan with proper environmental safeguards specially with respect to disturbance to natural streams and rivers.

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