

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

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Date: 23rd August , 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)

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Letter No. G.20015/61/2018-FST dated 11.08.2022 uploaded on PARIVES by Govt. of Mizoram in response to Ministry's letter of even no. dated 20.06.2022 against the Proposal No FP/MZ/SCH/148602/2021. After analysis of the compliance with regard to violation/encroachment, it is pointed out that State Forest Department (SFD) was asked to submit the action taken report regarding action against responsible person for the violations done under FCA 1980. However the same has not been provided

In view of above, Govt. of Mizoram is requested to furnish the clarification on the following points for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry:

- i. The State Govt. is reiterated to submit the action taken against those responsible for violation as sought by this Ministry on 20.06.2022 based upon the observation of FAC dated 13.06.2022.
- ii. The State Forest Department noticed the encroachment/violation in September, 2016, and the user agency applied for FC Clearance on Parivesh in October, 2021. The State govt. has only provided the detail of communication during this span of 05 years. However, the detail of action taken against the illegal activity has not been furnished.
- iii. The clarification of State Forest Department regarding violation, "*the earlier User Agency for the project i.e Ircon International Ltd. is no more associated with the project and the said violation took place during that time and no more fresh violation has taken place. It appears that the initial violation had taken place due to some mis-communication/ mis- understanding regarding status of forest land*", is not tenable. In this regard, 3070 trees have been felled without permission, therefore the State is

requested to furnish the name of responsible person/ agency along-with with action taken against them.

- iv. It may also be confirmed whether any case is registered against erring officials/persons under Indian Forest Act,1927 or Local Act for violation/encroachment, if not the reasons with justification for the same be submitted.

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, 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.
6. Guard File.