

File No. 3ASC/148/2022-GHY
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi – 110003
Dated:29-04-2025

To,

The Special Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests & Environment,
Government of Assam,
Dispur,

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Md. Imdad Ali, Assam for non-forestry use of 5.42 ha. Reserved forest for operation of Lankaijuri Stone Mahal in Doboka Reserved Forest under Nagaon Division, Hojai District in the State of Assam (Online proposal No. FP/AS/QRY/155191/2022)- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to above mentioned subject and to inform that the issue related to proposal for seeking prior approval of Central Government for **non-forestry use of 5.42 ha. Reserved forest for operation of Lankaijuri Stone Mahal in Doboka Reserved Forest under Nagaon Division, Hojai District in the State of Assam** was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 16.04.2025. The detailed minutes of the said meeting is placed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in.

The Advisory Committee after detailed discussion and deliberation with the DIGF (Central), Regional Office, Shillong recommended that observations made in the agenda item pertaining to the Bheleuguri Stone mining lease of M/s Md. Kamal Ahmed shall apply mutatis mutandis in the extant proposal also. In addition to said observations, the following details shall be submitted by the State for its further consideration by the Committee:

- i. The KML file of proposed area depicting the safety zone area should be uploaded on PARIVESH by the State Government.
- ii. Discrepancies in the area of safety zone and number of trees as revealed in the inspection report shall be rectified and accordingly updated in the online proposal in PARIVESH.
- iii. Examination of Google Earth Satellite Imagery revealed an unmetalled road in the area proposed for diversion. The State Government may clarify whether the said road is being used by the local community for connectivity or otherwise and alternate means of connectivity, if required.
- iv. Violation of the conditions of earlier approval granted for 0.9 ha of forest land by utilizing excess area than the approved area has been reported by the Regional Office. Action taken by the State Government against the illegal mining as per extant Acts including the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 will be furnished by the State.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority of the Ministry.

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CHARAN JEET SINGH
Date: 29-04-2025
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Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'E'

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Forest Department, Govt. of Assam, Guwahati.
2. DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shillong.
3. The CCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Assam, Guwahati.
4. The User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.