

F.No. 3-ANC/171/2023/GHY
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar.

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 Border Roads Task Force (BRTF) for non-forestry use of 18.60 ha. of proposed Reserved Forests (Sec-4 of IFA) for widening/improvement of existing road from Km 158.000 to Km 165.00 on Hunli-Metengliang-Hayuliang road to NHDL specification in Anjaw District of Arunachal Pradesh (online proposal No. FP/AR/ROAD/114789/2020)-regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Arunachal Pradesh letter No. FOR.3-217/CONS/2019/2100-05 dated 29.03.2023 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that after examination of proposal the following shortcoming is observed:

- i. DSS analysis of the KML file shows 42.948 ha involved in road construction, against 18.60 ha proposed for diversion. The State Government should therefore confirm the actual forest area, share exact details of the proposed area sought for diversion, and if required revise the proposal.
- ii. Compensatory Afforestation has been proposed over 37.20 ha degraded forest land, however, KML file for the CA land is not uploaded on the Parivesh portal. The same may be uploaded on PARIVESH and a copy of the same may be submitted to the Ministry .
- iii. Discrepancy in the number of trees as reported in the online proposal (mentioned as 357) and as reported by the State and Regional Office (329) may be rectified by the State and exact detail may be informed to the Ministry.
- iv. The State Government may provide its considered opinion to avoid use of forest land for muck dumping sites as the same appears to be a non-site specific activity.
- v. The State Government may confirm the location of the project from the protected areas. The Regional Office in its inspection report has mentioned that the project is located at a distance of Kamlang WLS as 2 Km, while as per DSS report it is located at distance of 17.39 km from Kamlang Tiger Reserve and 15.52 km from Tiger corridor.
- vi. Updated status of action taken against the erring officials and cases filed in the Judicial Magistrate First Class-cum-Civil Judge (Jr Division) Hawaii Anjaw and compliance of order dated 17.04.2023 passed by the Judicial Magistrate may be informed by the State Government.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to furnish

information/documents, as indicated above, to the Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'E'

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. The DDGF (Central) Regional Office, Shillong of MoEF&CC.
3. The APCCF—cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
4. Sub-office, Guwahati.
5. The User Agency.
6. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.