

## भारत सरकार

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अतिरिक्त प्रमुख सचिव/ Addl. Chief Secretary, असम सरकार/Govt of Assam, पर्यावरण और वन विभाग/Environment and Forests Deaprtment, दिसपुर/Dispur, गुवाहाटी/Guwahati-781006.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 14.56 ha of forest land for widening/up-gradation of NH-29 from 2 lane to 4 lane divided NH from Daboka to Lahorijan in Sidharampur Reserved Forest and Patradisa & Longit DCRF under Karbi Anglong East division, Diphu by NHIDCL.

Ref: (i) Letter No. ECF. 221358/98 dated 17.09.2022 of Govt of Assam.

Sir.

Please refer the State Govt letter FOR.13-65/CONS/2021/3394-3403 dated 26.08.2022 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980. I am to inform that the proposal referred above has been examined in this office in the light of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and rules/guidelines framed thereunder and following lacking information/documents has been observed:-

- 1. The forest clearance status of the existing road proposed for widening.
- 2. Technically approved CA scheme duly authenticated by the competent authority.
- 3. The aerial distance of the proposed area from the nearest Protected Area/Wildlife Sanctuary/National Park.
- 4. The current status of F(R) Act, certificate.
- 5. The site suitability certificate of the two proposed CA patches.
- 6. The stretch and total length of the proposed road in Km.
- The GPS coordinates of the starting and end points of the proposed 3-segments of the road.
- 8. To submit the GPS coordinates of the muck dumping location and the detail muck dumping plan.
- 9. The proximity of the proposed area to the nearest river/ stream the proposed area to be depicted in SoI map.
- 10. The comment of CWLW as the presence of elephant and deer has been reported in Part II form.
- 11. State Govt to submit the wildlife and elephant conservation plan approved by CWLW.
- 12. Whether permission from Central Govt has been obtained for change in user agency for PWD to NHIDCL for the proposed road, if not, reason thereof.

13. The proposed area is "INVIOLATE" due to the presence of hydrological layer and protected area i.e., Marat Longri Wildlife Sanctuary. Out of the 15.84 ha CA area identified at Western Range of Karbi Anglong Forest division, 1.98 ha is moderately dense forest, 1.00 ha is open forest and 12.88 is non forest whereas; the 13.28 ha CA area identified at Central Manja Range of Karbi Anglong Forest Division comprises of 8.00 ha moderately dense forest and 5.00 ha non forest as per DSS. State Govt is therefore to conduct site inspection of the identified CA area by an officer not below the rank of Conservator of Forest and report to be submitted mentioning vegetation and forest cover density along with their photographs taken on the site or else, an alternate CA site is to be submitted along with SOI maps, site suitability certificate, GPS-coordinates, shape file etc.

State Govt. is requested to kindly furnish the above requisite information to this office for further processing of this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(W. Longvah)

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Inspector General of Forests(C)

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