

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA  
FOREST DEPARTMENT

No.F. 6-967/FC/For-13/Pt-I 32434-45

Dated, the, 02/01/ , 2016

ORDER

**Subject:** - Proposal for diversion of 15.254 ha of forest land for construction of new broad gauge railway line from Agartala-Sabroom of mouja Fulchari and Manubazar under the then Bagafa Forest Division

In pursuance to the Final approval issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi vide letter F.No.8-17/2013-FC(Vol.I) dated 22.06.2015 and also to comply with the order of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal vide letter dated 24.07.2013, I am directed to state that after due consideration the State Govt. approves handing over of 15.254 ha forest land for construction of new broad gauge railway line from Agartala-Sabroom of mouja Fulchari and Manubazar to the User Agency (N.F Railway) by the District Forest Officer, South with the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
- ii. Compensatory afforestation over the degraded forest, land twice in extent to the forest land being diverted, shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department from the funds already provided by the User Agency.
- iii. The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- iv. The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection), Act, 1986, if required.
- v. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- vi. The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
- vii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
- viii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- ix. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- x. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- xi. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.

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- xii. 4 nos. quarters of Forest Department affected by the construction of the above proposed Rail line will be reconstructed by the Railway at their cost at the specification given by the Forest Department.
- xiii. The User Agency, in consultation with the State Government, shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests, artificially made out of eco-friendly material, shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project.
- xiv. Felling of trees on the forest land being diverted shall be reduced to the bare minimum and the trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- xv. No quarry shall be established in forest area without prior permission.
- xvi. The reclamation of quarry should be done under the supervision of the State Forest Department. The quarry shall be reclaimed and afforested completely before the project is closed.
- xvii. Overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the Railway line. The muck generated in the earth cutting will be disposed off at the designate dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris shall be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
- xviii. The User Agency will provide retaining walls, breast wall and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable.
- xix. The User Agency will undertake comprehensive soil, conservation measures at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department.
- xx. The User Agency will assist the State Government in preservation of flora and fauna of the area in accordance with the plan prepared by the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State. Attention will be particularly given to providing safe crossing and corridors for wildlife species and protecting sensitive habitat like wetlands, grasslands and woodlands from degradation.
- xxi. Where canopy continuity is required for particular species, special measures shall be prescribed by the CWLW for providing crossing points. Where certain trees used for nesting/rookeries of species like birds of prey, herons, storks, hornbills, etc., are to be destroyed, alternative structure shall be provided and the trees transplanted.
- xxii. All other conditions proposed by the State Government at the time of submission of the proposal to the Central Government shall be complied with by the User Agency.

- xxiii. Rehabilitation of project affected families, if any, shall be done as per the National Rehabilitation policy/State Rehabilitation policy whichever is better in consultation with the Sate Forest Department at the cost of user agencies.
- xxiv. The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above condition to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Officer of the Ministry regularly.
- xxv. Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & Wildlife; and
- xxvi. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure strict compliance of conditions for which undertakings have been obtained from the project proponent and also to the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable, as applicable to the project.

2. The copies of the Forest Clearances and this order should be submitted to the all head of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal bodies etc. for wide publicity.

3. The District Forest Officer, South, Belonia is also requested to submit the monitoring report time to time to the Nodal Officer, FCA after fulfillment of all conditions.

4. The handing over and taking certificate is to be submitted to the Nodal Officer, FCA along with GPS reading and polygon over the diverted land.

Encl:- As stated

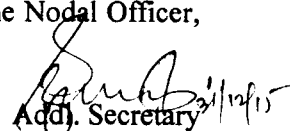
  
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Addl. Secretary

to the Government of Tripura

**Copy to:-**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Tripura for favour of kind information please.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, North Eastern Regional Office, Law-U-Sib, Lumbatngen, Near M.T.C. Workshop, Shillong 793021 of kind information please
3. The Nodal Officer, FCA, O/O- the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Tripura for favour of kind information please.
4. The Director, ICAT, Agartala with a request to publish the same in two widely circulated daily newspaper one in vernacular language and the other in English Language.
5. The Dy. Chief Engineer/ Con-1 or 2, N.F Railway, Agartala, Agartala Railway Station Complex, P.O-Sidhi Ashram, Badharghat, Dist. West Tripura, Agartala, Pin-799003 for kind information and necessary action please.
6. The District Magistrate & Collector, South, Belonia for kind information for kind information and necessary action please.
7. The District Forest Officer, South, Belonia for information and necessary action please.
8. The Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Bagafa/Sabroom Forest Division for information and necessary action please.
9. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Santirbazar/ Sabroom Sub-Division for information and necessary action please.
10. The In-Charge, GIS Lab, O/O- the PCCF(T), Agartala with a request to upload the same in the website of Forest Department, Tripura and submit the status report to the Nodal Officer, FCA.

  
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