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To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-
-Cum Principal Secretary
Deptt. of Forests, Environment & Wildlife
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar.

Sub : Proposal for diversion of 18.0 ha. of forest land for strengthening / improvement / widening of Shantipur to Meka Trans Arunachal Highway (NH-37 Extension) in Lower Dibang Valley District by State P.W.D.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No. FOR. 5-38/CONS./2009/140-43 dt. 25.06.2010 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the State Advisory Group, In-principle approval was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 28.06.2011 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the In-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No. FOR. 5-38/CONS/09/1316-18 dt. 29.05.2012 & 30.12.2013 and confirmation from Ad-hoc CAMPA vide letter No. 1-3/2010-CAMPA dt. 06.10.2012, I am to inform that final approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion 18.0 ha. of forest land for strengthening / improvement / widening of Shantipur to Meka Trans Arunachal Highway (NH-37 Extension) in Lower Dibang Valley District of Arunachal Pradesh by State P.W.D., subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (2) Compensatory afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained over 36.0 ha of degraded forest land identified at Deopani R.F of Roing Forest Division as per the fund deposited by the User Agency & scheme furnished by the State Govt.
- (3) All other clearances / NOCs under different rules / regulations / local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No. 11-9/98-FC(Pt) dated 05.02.2013 shall be complied with.
- (4) The user agency will undertake comprehensive soil and water conservation measures at the project cost.
- (5) Overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the road. The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed off at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
- (6) Wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency shall undertake afforestation measures along the roads within the area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.