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NOTIFICATION

No. B. 11021/11/2010-FST/373-375, the 9th April 2014. Whereas, para 3.1 (i) of the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 and Guidelines & Clarification published by Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests clarifies that compensatory afforestation is one of the most important conditions stipulated by the Central Government while approving proposals for de-reservation or diversion of forest land for non-forest uses;

Whereas, para 3.4 (i) of the Handbook stipulates that equivalent non- forest land identified for compensatory afforestation are to be transferred to the ownership of the State Forest Department and declared as reserved/ protected forest, so that the plantation raised can be maintained permanently;

Whereas, Ministry of Environment & Forest vide letter No.2-I/2003-FC dt.20.10.2003 stipulates that "The non-forest land which is transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation should be declared as RF/PF under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 prior to Stage-II approval."

Whereas, the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India vide F.No.8-84/2002-FC dt.3.02.2004 amended para 4.2 (i) of the guidelines issued on 20.10.2003 under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 that "the non-forest land which is transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation, should be declared as RF/PF under the Indian Forest Act, 1927. The land shall be handed over to the User Agency after the same has been mutated in favour of Forest Department. Stage-II clearance shall be given after the land is mutated in favour of the Forest Department but the Nodal Officer must report compliance within a period of 6 months and send a copy of original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, as the case may be, to the Central Government for information and record."

Whereas, the State Revenue Department has transferred and mutated to State Environment & Forest Department an area of 429 ha. of non-forest land located at Vaisam VC area (200 Ha.) and Chithar VC area (229 Ha) in lieu of forest land diverted for construction of 460 MW Kolodyne-II Hydro Electric Project vide notification No.K.15012/12/2010-REV dt.27.2.2013 in accordance with the provision of section 8(a) of the Mizo District (Land & Revenue) Act, 1956 to be treated as Reserved forest under section 2(4) of the Lushai Hills District (House Site) Act, 1953; section 3(a) of the Mizo District (Land & Revenue) Act, 1956 and section 3(a) of the Mizo District (Agriculture Land) Act, 1963 and as assigned under sub-paragraph 2 of the paragraph 3 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India.

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And whereas, the Indian Forest Act, 1927 is not extended to Mizoram due to enforcement of the State Act called as the Mizoram (Forests) Act 1955;

Now therefore, in terms of direction given by the Central Government as above, and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14 read with section 21 of the Mizoram (Forests) Act, 1955; the Governor of Mizoram is pleased to notify the under mentioned area transferred and mutated by Revenue Department to Environment & Forest Department as Government Reserved Forest with effect from the date of publication in Mizoram Gazette:

Name of Government Reserve Forest : Compensatory Afforestation Reserve Forest under

460 MW Kolodyne - II Hydro Electric Project

District : Lunglei Extent of Area : 429 hectares

SITUATION AND LIMIT/BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A. Location : Chithar Village Council Area (229 Ha)

Starting Point : Ailian lui leh Saizawh lui infinna chu teh tan nan hman a ni.

West Side : Teh tanna atangin Saizawh lui a zawh chho a, Ramri lui nen a infinna ah Pillar dah a ni. South Side : Ramri lui dung zawng zelin kawng a chhuak a, kawng atang chuan Ramri kawr tlak

lamah a zawh thla a, Samak lui a fin hmain Pillar dah a ni.

East Side : Ramri lui atangin khawmual a tan phei a Saisih lui a va thleng a ni.

North Side : Saisih lui zawh chhovin kawng a thleng leh a, kawng atangin Ailian lui a zawh thla a,

teh tanna a man leh a ni.

B. Location : Vaisam Village Council Area (200 Ha)

Starting Point : Chithar to Vaisam kawng bul ramri lui hnar kin chu teh tan nan hman a ni.

West Side : Teh tanna atangin chhim lam hawiin kawng dung zelah a phei a, tlak lama kawrte hnar

kin a thleng a ni.

South Side : Kawrte dungah a chhuk a Samak lui nen an infinna a thleng a ni.

East Side : Samak lui dung a zawh thla a, Ramri lui nen a infinna thlen hmain khawmualah khawthlang

hawiin a chho.

North Side : Khawmual atangin Ramri lui chanve ah Ramri lui a pawh a, Ramri lui zawh chhoin teh

tanna a man leh a ni.

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