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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA NOTIFICATIONS

The 10th October, 2023.

No.FOR.54/2016/669.

Sub:- Diversion of 10.055 ha. of deemed private forest land for construction of an approach road and residential colony development at Umsoo-Mootang, East Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya by Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited.

WHEREAS, the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Shillong in their letter F. No. 3 - MG C 042/2016-SHI/217-18, dated 25th April, 2019 have communicated the In-principle/Stage-I approval order in favour of M/s Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited for diversion of 10.055 ha. of deemed private forest land for construction of an approach road and residential colony development at Umsoo-Mootang, East Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya subject to fulfillment of conditions stipulated in the said approval.

And whereas, in consideration of the compliance of the conditions stipulated in the In-principle approval, the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Shillong in their letter F. No. 3 - MG C 042/2016-SHI/245-46, dated 25th April, 2023 have accorded final approval for diversion of 10.055 ha. of deemed private forest land for construction of an approach road and residential colony development at Umsoo-Mootang, East Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya in favour of M/s Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited subject to fulfillment of the conditions which are listed therein.

Now, therefore, as per Hon'ble NGT Order dated 24th January, 2014 in the case of O.A. No. 123 of 2013, Government of Meghalaya do hereby permit diversion of deemed private forest land of 10.05 ha. In favour of M/s Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited for construction of an approach road and residential colony development at Umsoo-Mootang, East Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya. Detailed land schedule of the diverted forest land of 10.055 ha. has been duly authenticated by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department *vide* letter No. RDS.73/2019/35-A, dated 4th November, 2019. Non-Forest land of 10.055 ha. at Pat KhuiMual in Mualhoi village, Elaka Saipung, East Jaintia Hills District adjoining the existing Saipung Reserved Forest in East Jaintia Hills has been transferred and handed over to Forest & Environment Department on 6th March, 2020 as per Deed for Transfer of Land signed between the first party (representative of (M/s Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited) and the second party (representative of Forest & Environment Department) for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation.

The Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills District is authorized to hand over the diverted deemed private forest land to the User Agency in respect of diverted forest land which falls within his jurisdiction in accordance

with law provided there are no orders of any court of law to the contrary. Before handing over the diverted deemed forest land to the User Agency it shall be ensured that payment of compensatory levies viz NPV, CA and other related payments in respect of the diverted forest for this project have been deposited, in full, by the User Agency as per prescribed rate.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Jaintia Hills (T) Division, Jowai is directed to monitor compliance of the conditions stipulated for such diversion in the respective forest/ wildlife clearance order and to report violations, if any, to the Nodal Officer, FC Act, the PCCF & HoFF, Meghalaya and to the Forest & Environment Department.

Execution of project activities will be subject to having valid mining lease and availability of all other clearances required under relevant Act/Rules for this mining project, deposit of requisite fees and compliance with Court order if any.

The User Agency shall comply with the following conditions for the purpose of instant diversion of forest land:

- (i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over equivalent to the area diverted *i.e.*, 10.055 ha. in non-forest land identified by the State Forest Department in Mualhoi, East Jaintia Hills as per the funds deposited by the User Agency. As far as possible, mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- (iii) The non-forest land transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department shall be notified by the State Government as Reserve Forest/Protected Forest under Section-4 or PF under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act latest within a period of six months from the date of issue of Stage-II approval. The Nodal Officer shall report compliance in this regard along with a copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act as the case may be, within the stipulated period to the Central Government for information and record.
- (iv) The User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- (v) The additional NPV, if any, shall be calculated as per the latest guidelines of MoEF & CC, dated 6th January, 2022.
- (vi) The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA areas shall be uploaded on thee-Green watch portal by the State Government.
- (vii) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- (viii) 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 5th February, 2013 shall be complied with.
- (ix) User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides of the road as per the IRC norms.
- (x) Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/Forest Areas.

- (xi) The user agency shall provide suitable under/over pass in Protected Area/Forest Area as per recommendation of CWLW/NBWL/FAC/REC.
- (xii) The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- (xiii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- (xiv) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (xv) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- (xvi) The user agency shall provide proper drainage of retaining/breast wall in steep slopes and stabilization of side slope to avoid soil erosion and landslides; and to provide drains/cross drains. Physical barriers/structures to prevent muck from entering streams & rivers and other ecologically sensitive areas are to be constructed on the lower slope side, if required, before any construction works are started.
- (xvii) The overburden shall not be dumped outside the diverted land. The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed of at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
- (xviii) Boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on the ground at project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (xix) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution materials for execution of the project work.
- (xx) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease, if any, to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- (xxi) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- (xxii) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
- (xxiii) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF & CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dated 29th January, 2018.
- (xxiv) The User Agency will have to obtain the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 clearance for removal, if any, of stone, river sand, river boulders in forest land.
- (xxv) The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;
- (xxvi) The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year.
- (xxvii) The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

- (xxviii) Any other condition that the MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Shillong may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- (xxix) This approval may be revoked, if, the above conditions of approval is not complied to the satisfaction of the Integrated Regional Office, Shillong.

The State Government and the User Agency shall pursue with NIC and appropriate authority for change of area for diversion of 10.055 ha in PARIVESH portal of MoEF & CC.

PRAVIN BAKSHI,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Forest & Environment Department.

The 5th October, 2023.

No.SW(S)30/2020/336. - The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to establish a Centre for Developing Child (CDC), Meghalaya which will act as a technical resource agency for Meghalaya and other States. This Centre will lead the design of the Early Childhood Development Mission and other related initiatives by incorporating the latest research and science and an innovation lab and knowledge repository that drives Early Childhood Development initiatives. The Centre for Developing Child (CDC), Meghalaya will be a part of the Meghalaya Early Childhood Development Mission Society.

Shri Sampath Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department and CEO, Meghalaya Early Childhood Development Mission shall function as the Director of Centre for Developing Child (CDC) from the date of notification until further orders.

PRAVIN BAKSHI,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Social Welfare Department.

Centre for the Developing Child (CDC), Meghalaya

Terms of Reference

Early childhood refers to the earliest years of a child's life beginning from conception through pregnancy and birth all the way up to the child's entry into primary school. It refers to the biological and psychological changes that occur in children between conception and the age of six. Neuroscience explains that more than **90% of brain growth occurs in the first five years** and it influences every aspect of a child's future.

Recognizing the critical importance of the early childhood period, Meghalaya has launched a pioneering **Early Childhood Development (ECD) Mission** that will drive holistic development of children and young adults. The Mission will enable young children (0-8 years) to develop a sound foundation to be able to achieve their full potential during their early years to contribute positively towards themselves, the society and the development of the State.

In order to implement the ECD Mission and to facilitate collaboration of all line Departments, the State established the **Meghalaya Early Childhood Development Mission Society (MECDMS)**, under the Social Welfare Department. MECDMS is primarily responsible for coordinating implementation of the ECD Mission with all the relevant line Departments. In order to build the technical capacity to design and implement the ECD Mission and other related initiatives, **the State has envisioned establishing a Centre for the Developing Child (CDC), Meghalaya** as part of MECDMS. This note specifies the key roles of CDC.

Roles & Responsibilities of CDC, Meghalaya

Following are the key roles and responsibilities of CDC:

1. Research
 - Conduct research on best practices and scientific evidence on ECD.
 - Conduct research on learnings from within the State on contextual challenges and opportunities for ECD.
 - Develop periodic policy briefs summarising the research and outlining recommendations that State can adopt.
2. Guidelines & Capacity Building
 - Develop guidelines for ECD Mission and other human development related initiatives.
 - Conduct capacity building of State functionaries on ECD Mission and different initiatives.
3. IEC Material
 - Design communication material for community and State functionaries on raising awareness on ECD and introducing effective practices for holistic development of children.
 - Document and disseminate success stories from implementation of different initiatives related to child development.
4. Partnerships
 - Develop partnerships to support the ECD mission and other initiatives. The purpose of partnership could be provide technical advice, conceptualise systemic reformers, designing data systems, conducting impact evaluations/studies and other areas as required by the State.

- Proactively facilitate State-to-State partnerships with different States for mutual exchange of learnings and practices.
5. Monitoring & Evaluation
- Design monitoring and learning systems to strengthen the implementation of ECD Mission and other human development initiatives.
 - Conduct evaluations to measure the impact of different initiatives under ECD Mission.
 - Build capacity of the State functionaries and community institutions on using data more effectively to drive local action.
6. Resource for Meghalaya and other States
- Establish a resource library of policy research, guidelines, IEC material, etc. that can be used by stakeholders within and outside the State.
 - Support implementation of ECD-related initiatives in other States through sharing of resources and learnings.
 - Periodically conduct learning forums for stakeholders within and outside the State.

Structure of CDC

- CDC will be established under MECDMS, which is a society under the Social Welfare Department. The centre will report to the CEO of MECDMS.
- CDC will be headed by the Director who will guide the activities of the CDC and provide strategic direction.
- The centre will be staffed by Program Managers with different focus areas such as education, health, nutrition and community mobilization.
- CDC will periodically take advice from the ECD Expert Committee.
- As and when needed, the CDC will empanel technical experts and advisors

Terms of Reference for

Director of Centre for Developing Child, Meghalaya

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This document outlines Terms of Reference (ToR) for the position of Director of the CDC, Meghalaya.**Role & Responsibilities**

Following are the key roles and responsibilities of Advisor to CDC:

- Provide strategic inputs to shape CDC activities and priorities
- Lead development of partnerships to support monitoring and evaluation of the ECD Mission
- Participate and facilitate quarterly meetings with CDC and the broader MECDMS team to review progress of ECD Mission
- Conceptualise new initiatives under ECD Mission as and when needed in response to learnings from implementation.

PRAVIN BAKSHI,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Social Welfare Department.

The 26th September, 2023.

No.SYA.75/2017/299. - The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the Guidelines under Chief Minister Youth Development Scheme with immediate effect.

VIJAY KUMAR D,

Commissioner and Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Sports and Youth Affairs Department.

Contents of the Chief Minister Youth Development Scheme (CMYDS) Guidelines 2023.

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1. Rationale of the Scheme

In Meghalaya, the proportion of young people is higher than the national average - the percentage of population under the age of 45 is 85%, under 35 is 74% and under 25 is 59%. The age group 15 - 24 years has a population of over 8.5 Lakhs and constitutes approximately 22 percent of the State's population. This large proportion of the State's population, if provided the right opportunities, could become the key agents for social change, economic development, and technological innovation.

The Government of Meghalaya formulated the State Youth Policy in 2021 where in youth inclusion and engagement were two of the key interventions identified. The Revised Chief Minister's Youth Development scheme is an effort to enable and empower the district administrations through the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs to positively engage and empower the youth of the State.

The Revised Scheme is a result of the alignment of functions between YESS Meghalaya and the new mechanisms for monitoring of Youth activities in the State. The Scheme offers additional structure to make receiving funds more efficient.

2. Objectives of the Scheme

- a. To provide creative outlets to the Youth for positively channelling their energies and to strengthen the spirit of good citizenship, service to society and healthy social attitudes and orientation.
- b. To strengthen the commitment of youth to nation building, national unity and integration.
- c. To develop cooperative attitudes and working relationships between the administration and youth.
- d. To develop the aptitudes and skills of youth and to turn them towards productive employment.
- e. To increase awareness of youth and motivate them for social and economic development.

3. Target Group

- a. Rural/Urban youth residents of the State/Districts in the age group of 14 to 29
- b. Educated unemployed Youth
- c. Students and non-students
- d. Socially and economically disadvantaged youth
- e. Differently abled youth
- f. Migrant/Emigrant Youth

4. Eligible Stakeholders

This scheme shall extend financial aid to the following registered entities through the office of the respective Deputy Commissioners:

- a. Societies and Cooperatives
- b. Voluntary Organisations
- c. Youth/Cultural Clubs and Associations
- d. Not for profit organisations
- e. Socio Cultural Clubs

- f. Alumni Associations
- g. Community level youth institutions/organisations/groups
- h. Registered Sports Associations and Entities
- i. District Level State Government Departments

5. Permissible and Non-Permissible Activities/Programmes under the Scheme

The indicative non exhaustive list of permissible youth engagement activities and programmes that may be undertaken by the respective Deputy Commissioners at District Level are:

- a. Organisation of District level Youth Festivals.
- b. Conduct of cleanliness drives in localities in districts.
- c. Organisation of youth workshops/seminars.
- d. Organisation of industry specific exposure trips.
- e. Organisation of youth career counselling fairs etc.
- f. Organisation of community regeneration volunteering programmes.
- g. Organisation of financial literacy workshops and seminars.
- h. Organisation of digital literacy workshops and programmes.
- i. Organisation of mental wellbeing seminars/workshops/counselling programmes.
- j. Organisation of campaigns and programmes in line with the Sports Authority of India's Fit India Campaign.
- k. Organisation of Neighbourhood youth parliaments.

Further, the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs would be able to undertake all of the above activities at the State level, as well as:

- a. Organisation of Sports events and tournaments.
- b. Organisation of Chief Ministers Tournament/Cup in various sporting disciplines.
- c. Organisation of indigenous sports competitions.

Funds under the scheme shall not be utilised for the following indicative activities:

- a. Loans
- b. Acquisition of land.
- c. For religious worship or functions.
- d. Completion of incomplete schemes started under any other programme.
- e. Remuneration/salaries.
- f. Any other programme not in conformity with activities listed.

6. Allocation of funds

Funds shall be made available for the scheme in the annual budget of the Department of Sports & Youth Affairs.

The funds shall be drawn as a lumpsum grant in aid provided by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs to the accounts of the respective district administrations by the end of the first quarter of each financial year. Additional funds may be released to district administrations based on availability of funds and need assessed by the Directorate.

Each body would disburse funds in lines with the details mentioned in Clause 7 (Scheme Implementation) below.

7. Scheme Implementation:

a. District Administrations

- At each district, a CMYDS Committee shall be constituted for the implementation of various programmes and activities under the scheme. The committee shall comprise of the following members:

Sl. No.	Member	Designation
1	Deputy Commissioner	Chairman
2	ADC/EAC (at the discretion of the Chairman)	Member Secretary
3	Superintendent of Police	Member
4	District Sports Officer	Member
5	District School Education Officer	Member
6	District Social Welfare Officer	Member
7	District Employment Officer	Member
8	District Medical and Health Officer	Member
9	General Manager, District Commerce and Industries	Member
10	District Officer, Arts and Culture	Member
11	Any other member recommended by Chairman	Member

- Concerned Block Development Officers may be co-opted/invited by the Chairman to participate in Meetings.
- Proposals with project value less than INR 2.00 Lakhs may be directly sanctioned/implemented by the respective CMYDS Committees and a copy of the same shall be shared with the Directorate for information.
- Any proposals above Rs. 2 Lakhs would be sent further for approval as outlined below:
 - Rs. 2,00,001 - 5,00,000: Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs
 - Rs. 5,00,001 and Above: Department of Sports and Youth Affairs

b. Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs

- Proposals up to the value of INR 5.00 Lakhs may directly be sanctioned by the Directorate for implementation.

- A Committee shall be constituted for the evaluation and sanctioning of the proposals received both by the districts and otherwise. The committee shall comprise of:

Sl. No.	Member	Designation
1	Director, Sports & Youth Affairs	Chairman
2	Assistant Director, Sports and Youth Affairs	Convenor
3	Representative of Director Education (DHTE)	Member
4	Representative of Director Social Welfare	Member
5	Representative of Director Health and Family Welfare	Member
6	Any other member deemed fit by Chairman	Member

c. Department of Sports & Youth Affairs

- Proposals above the value of INR 5.00 Lakhs may be sanctioned by the Department for implementation.
- A departmental committee shall be constituted for the evaluation and recommendation of the proposals received. The committee shall comprise of:

Sl. No.	Member	Designation
1	Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Sports & Youth Affairs	Chairman
2	Secretary/Under-Secretary, Sports & Youth Affairs Department	Convenor
3	Director, Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs	Member
4	Asst. Director, Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs	Member
5	Any other member deemed fit by Chairman	Member

8. Implementation of Cultural Talent Identification Mechanisms

The Youth of Meghalaya are keen to explore their skills across different fields and be provided with a platform to showcase their talents. The Department acknowledges the need for an ecosystem that helps identify talent at ground level and facilitate the nurturing of such talent.

Through the revised guidelines, a percentage of the CMYDS fund shall be annually allocated to initiate block, district, and state level talent identification mechanisms and support the development of their youth talent.

Categories:

1. Singing
2. Musical Instruments
3. Dance
4. Essay Writing
5. Extempore Speech and Debate
6. Quizzing
7. Coding/Technology

8. Painting/Drawing
9. Crafts
10. Theatre
11. Other notable and unique skills

The District administrations are empowered to financially support and conduct competitions, conclaves, and other such events to help identify talent at block, and further at district level. The Block Development Officers shall facilitate activity at block level. The mechanisms for adjudication will be notified on announcement of the event. District Administrations may collaborate with Youth Organisations / NGOs with experience in this field, to organise these events.

A State Level Event will be organised by the Department as a culmination of the various block/district events. This calendar of events will be announced every year by the Department and held at different venues across the State each year.

The winners of the State event will be provided with benefits and pathway programs (such as scholarships, mentoring, exposure visits, incorporation into Youth Exchange Program, etc.).

9. Terms and Conditions

- A single proposal shall not be submitted for funding under multiple schemes or programmes.
- The grants sanctioned shall be utilised only for the purpose it was sanctioned.
- The grant shall be released in two equal tranches by the office of the respective Deputy Commissioner/Directorate. The first tranches of the aid (50% of the aid) shall be released to beneficiary and post utilisation of the first tranche and validation by the office of the respective Deputy Commissioners/Directorate, the second tranche shall be released to the beneficiary.
- Utilization certificates from the beneficiaries should invariably be obtained and all procedures requirements and financial propriety ensured. Detailed accounts will be maintained by the Deputy Commissioners/Directorate for all expenditure incurred under the scheme.
- The implementation of the projects under the scheme shall be reviewed by the district level CMYDS committees.
- The beneficiary must maintain a bank account in the name of the organisation and not of an individual whether by name or by designation. The account should be jointly operated by two office bearers of the beneficiary entity.
- The district level CMYDS Committees shall maintain the progress reports, and any other relevant information on the implementation of the approved programmes.
- The district level CMYDS Committees shall conduct field visits and inspections to survey and review the implementation of the approved programmes.
- Any unspent balance out of the sanctioned funds under this scheme shall be credited to the bank account of the District Administration in accordance with the instructions that shall be provided along with the letter of sanction.
- The grant shall not be transferred to another organization or activity without the prior permission of the sanctioning authority.

- Adequate effort must be made by the beneficiary to publicize and promote the programme through social media and other traditional mediums. In all social media posts, the department's media handle must be tagged.
- Branded material for the programme as provided by the Office of the District Administration/Directorate should be utilised in the approved programmes and activities.
- Active involvement in all relevant activities/processes created by the District Administration/Directorate/ Department is expected from the beneficiaries.
- Adequate effort must be made by the beneficiary to publicize and promote the programme through social media and other traditional mediums. In all social media posts, the department's media handle must be tagged.

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