



IDU MISHMI CULTURAL & LITERARY SOCIETY (IMCLS)

Apex body of Mishmi (Idu) community

Roing - 792110, Lower Dibang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh

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To
Shri Mama Natung,
Honorable Minister,
Sports & Youth Affairs, Water Resources, Environment & Forests
Government of Arunachal Pradesh

Dated Dambuk 20th January 2024

Sub: **Submission of reminder on proposed Dibang Tiger Reserve Issue, request for dereservation of parts of DWLS, MWLS and concerns regarding CCA notification by SBWL and DFO, Lower Dibang Valley regarding**

Sir,

We express our sincere gratitude for sparing some of your busy schedule to meet with IMCLS team. With reference to the aforementioned subject, we would like to submit that your good self is aware that team IMCLS and All Idu Mishmi Student Union (AIMSU) members met you and honorable MLAs of Lower Dibang Valley and Dibang Valley on 8th of May 2023 at Civil Secretariat at Itanagar regarding discussions on issues related to proposed tiger. We remember your good self, asking PCCF to share minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2023 with us. After the meeting we met the then PCCF, Mr. Jitendra Kumar and Mr. Damodar at their PCCF office in Itanagar requesting that the minutes of the meeting are not distorted. However, to our surprise our concerns remained unaddressed and minutes was distorted. Since then we have received no concrete response till this day even after more than seven (7) months of that meeting despite two letters written to your good office. Personal visit was also made to office of PCCF.

A copy of memorandum issued on 8th May 2023 at Secretariat, copy of first objection to minutes of meeting dated 29th May 2023 along with such minutes undated and second reminder dated 11th September 2023 are all attached serially as single file herewith as **Annexure I**.

That sir we appreciate that government of Arunachal Pradesh under your and honorable Chief Minister Pema Khandu's leadership many things have been achieved. This includes a new effort towards adoption of Community Conservation Area (CCA) model for the first time in Arunachal Pradesh as the minutes of the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) of which WII and Wildlife Trust of India are also its affiliated members. As per the minutes of the meeting dated 11th September 2022 it includes setting up guidelines for CCA. However, sir we are seriously concerned that Roing Forest Division has without the consent of the local communities and IMCLS and without the guidelines being notified and made public from your good office they have **decided *suo motu*** to declare 656.93 hectares of land of nine (9) community land under CCA that too without any legal basis. Sir, entire Idu Mishmi indigenous community is reeling under severity of the Village Reserve Forests, proposed

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(Dr. R. Natung, IAS)



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National Park, dereservation issues of Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary (DWLS) and redemarcation of Mehao Wildlife Sanctuary (MLWS), district forest administration has taken unto itself for arbitrary initiatives. Therefore, we kindly request your good self to direct the concern department to withdraw/withheld/rescind the order in the interest of justice until it is addressed with the collective consent of IMCLS as well affected community members.

A copy of SBWL meeting dated 17th September 2022, Order No. DF/CONS-15/2009/P-II/629-31 dated 2nd February 2023 of Dibang Forest Division, Roing as **Annexure II** and **III** respectively.

That sir in accordance with circular dated 26th July 2023 of your good office i.e. Department of Forests and Climate Change, Itanagar, we have pursued representation letter of IMCLS dated 28th August 2023 of dereservation with the office of the DC, Roing for parts of MWLS, Reserve Forests within Dibang Forest Division, Lower Dibang Valley and also DWLS. However, the letter has been reverted back to office of DC, Roing from Department of Land Management vide letter dated LMD-12 015/12/2023/1324 dated 25th October 2023 regarding realignment of MWLS. Sir, we have given adequate factual reasons in the same letter with Annexures that MWLS was arbitrarily notified without specific demarcation where in both Core Zone and Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ) many villages are included and may voters exists who have been residing there and voting since many years. Therefore, we request your good self to kindly consider the need in the larger and long term interest of your people.

A copy of notification of Department of Forests and letters issued to DC are attached herewith as **Annexure III** and **IV** respectively.

Therefore sir, we submit that Mishmi Hills has so many VRFs, Protected Forests, tiger reserve is being proposed along with existing arbitrary DWLS and MWLS. The rate of land transfer to legal heir has increased exponentially. In light of such additional facts and circumstances, it would seriously lead to growing land issues and concerns, Therefore sir, we sincerely request your good office that, you may kindly do the needful within your mandate in the long term interest of future generations *vis-à-vis* respect to the indigenous way of environmental conservation. This is for your kind consideration and necessary initiatives, please. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Ista Pulu
(President, IMCLS)

Mr. Ere Lingi
(General Secretary, IMCLS)

Enclosed:



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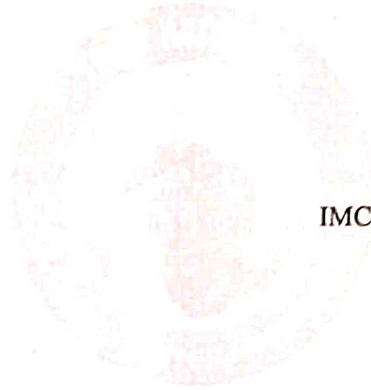
Copy to:

1. The honourable MLA, Anini, Lower Dibang Valley district, Arunachal Pradesh
2. The President, AIMSU, Arunachal Pradesh
3. Concern public
4. Office copy.

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Mr. Komji Linggi
Zilla Parishad Member



Dr. Tilu Linggi
IMCLS SCRPAI Chairperson