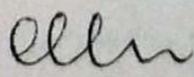


## JOINT INSPECTION REPORT

In pursuance to the directions received from State Geologist, Himachal Pradesh vide their office Memo No. Udyog-Bhu (Khani-4) Laghu-880/05-6642 dated 28-08-2014, the Joint Inspection of the area(s) proposed for auction of Yamuna river in Paonta Sahib Sub-Division was conducted on 16-10-15 under the chairmanship of Sub-Divisional Officer, (civil) Paonta Sahib.

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During the inspection, Mining Officer appraised the committee that prior to year 2003 the riverbeds of Distt. Sirmour and other Districts were auctioned by the department for collection of sand/stone/bajri. But through these rivers beds could not be put to auction as the land under reference as per revenue record is under the ownership of Govt. and the classification of land is recorded as "Gair Munkin Nadi" which attracts the provisions of FCA, 1980 and required prior approval from Ministry of Environment & Forest.



It is also briefed by Mining Officer that the Government of Himachal Pradesh has decided that auction of riverbeds be conducted under the provisions of HP Minor Mineral (Concession) and Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation & Storage) Rules, 2015. As Government has constituted Sub-Division Level Committee to approve/recommend the proposed area(s) for auction and the recommendations of Sub Divisional Level Joint Inspection Committee is to be submitted for consideration of the Government to conduct auction of riverbeds.

Mining Officer further placed the auction proposal of the area along with the Mauza wise revenue detail procured from the revenue authorities after the demarcation conducted by local commissioner appointed by SDM, Paonta Sahib with the help of the competent revenue officials as well as mining officials. The Committee discussed the area(s) proposed for auction in detail and proceed to conduct the Joint inspection of the area(s) which is proposed for auction.

During the field observations, it is noticed by the committee that the entire area(s) which are proposed for auction of riverbed of Yamuna i.e. from Majri (near Dak Pathar to Behral near the border of Haryana), River Yamuna itself act as boundary between Himachal Pradesh and State of Uttrakhand and has plenty of minor minerals which can easily be lifted from river beds as it will not only meet out the demand of local people but also enhance royalty to the Govt. exchequer of state which otherwise, state is not getting properly due to non auctioning of river beds and consequently the river borne material at vulnerable stretch is being lifted illegally by some people from adjoining state.

It has also been observed that the area proposed for auction of Yamuna river bed which is in possession of revenue department (Annexure 'A') and the area(s) proposed to be auction in different riverbeds of Govt. land in possession of Forest Department (detail is enclosed as Annexure-B) and recorded as Gair Mumkin Nadi and being forest land attracts the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980. Hence, for carrying out non forest activities in the said forest land, prior approval for carrying out mining activities i.e. Forest Clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest is required. During the course of joint inspection, it is also observed that Irrigation and Public Health Department schemes exist at Gojar and Majri. As such the representation of IPH Department stated that no mining shall be allowed within 200 mtr. upstream and downstream of the above water supply schemes. Also, representation of HPPWD Department pointed out that no mining shall be allowed within 200 mtr upstream and 200-500 mtr. downstream of bridge on National Highway-72. Apart from this, it is also suggested by committee that no river/stream bed mining shall be allowed within 75 meters

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from the periphery of soil conservation works, nursery plantation, check dams or within the distance as recommended by the Sub-Divisional Committee, whichever is more.

Therefore the committee recommends the proposal of the area for auction of riverbeds in Paonta Sahib Sub-Division as mention in annexure subject to stipulation the conditions that apart from aforesaid condition Environmental clearance as well as Forest clearance shall be obtained from competent authority before start of mining operation or any other condition of auction which are necessary to be imposed by the department.

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