

F.No 9-1209/2001-ROC/1778

To

EC-cum-Secretary (Forests)
Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Deptt. of Forest, Farming & Conservation,
Civil Secretariat,
Shimla-171002 (H.P.)

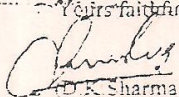
Sub: Diversion of 1.3920 hec. of forest land in favour of Industries Department in Mauza Gehara for leasing it to M/s Himalayan Slates & Stone for extraction of slates in forest division Chamba, district Chamba, H.P.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter no.FFE-B(F)2-12/2001 dated 17.3.2001 and Nodal Officer's letter no.Ft.48-576/2001 (M) dated 26.7.2001 and 27.10.2001 on the above subject seeking approval of Central Government for grant of mining lease for 5 years in accordance with Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, approval of competent authority is hereby conveyed for leasing of 1.3920 hec. of forest land for above mentioned project in Chamba forest division, district Chamba, H.P., subject to following conditions:

1. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
 2. This lease is valid for five years only from the date of issue of orders by the State Government.
 3. The mining is open cast for extraction of slates. No blasting in the area shall be done and no damage will be caused to the adjoining forest area.
 4. Reclamation of the mined areas shall be done as per proposed schemes at a cost of Rs. 1,22,000/- (for plantation) and Rs.63,000/- (for soil conservation) and this amount is reported to have been deposited by user agency.
 5. The forest land will not be used for any purpose other than that mentioned in the proposal.
 6. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised on 3.06 hec. of degraded forest land in land bank at D-556, DPF Bagga as per proposed scheme at a cost of Rs.1,48,000/- which has been deposited by user agency. This should be done within one year.
 7. In addition to above, penal compensatory afforestation over another 3.0 hec. area will be done at D-556 DPF Bagga (land bank) at a cost of Rs.1,48,000/- which has also been deposited by user agency.
 8. Necessary approval/clearance under all other relevant Acts/Court's Ruling/instructions etc. as applicable to this proposal will be ensured by the State Government.
 9. The user agency will abide by any condition that may be imposed by the State Forest Department in the interest of the afforestation and protection of the forest area.
- State Government through forest department will ensure fulfilment of these conditions.
Hindi translation will follow.

Yours faithfully,

(D.K. Sharma)
Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:

1. The P.A. Chief Conservator of Forests, H.P., Shimla, 171001.
2. Director (FC), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.
3. Guard File

Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
Northern Regional Office,

Bays No.24-25,
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Chandigarh-160030

Dated: Monday, March 03, 2008

F.No.: 9-HPB1209/2001-CHA
To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Department of Forests
Shimla.

Sub: Renewal of mining lease for diversion of 1.3920 hectare of forestland in favour of M/s Himalayan Slates & Stone for further five year time period w.e.f. 5th November 2006 within the jurisdiction of Forest Division and District Chamba, Himachal Pradesh.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. FFE-B-F(2)-12/2001 dated 23rd March 2007 and Nodal Officer's letter No. Ft.48-576/2001 (FCA) dated 16th February 2008 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Government of India for diversion of forest land for non-forestry propose under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

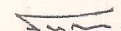
After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, approval of the competent authority is hereby conveyed for diversion of 1.3920 hectare of forestland for the above mentioned subject to following conditions:

1. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
2. No tree felling is involved in this case.
3. The mining lease period granted by the Ministry under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for five years w.e.f. 5th November 2006.
4. The amount of Rs.8,07,360/- (Rupees eight lakhs, seven thousand, three hundred and sixty only) realized from the user agency towards Net Present Value of the forest land be deposited with the Ad-hoc Body of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) in Account No.CA 1595 of Corporation Bank (A Government of India Enterprises), Block-11, Ground Floor, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003 as per the instructions communicated vide letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 20.05.2006.
5. An undertaking from the user agency may also be obtained stating that in case the rates of NPV are revised upwards, the additional/differential amount shall be paid by the user agency.
6. Reclamation of the mined areas shall be done at the cost of user agency as per proposed scheme. Reclamation will be completed within six months after the expiry of five-year period.
7. The forest land will not be used for any purpose other than that mentioned in the proposal.
8. No damage of any kind will be caused to the adjoining forest area and all the protection/ precautions measures for stability of the forest area be strictly adhered to.
9. It will be responsibility of the State Government to obtain prior approval/clearance under all other relevant Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable to this proposal.

The Ministry may revoke/suspend this approval if implementation of any of the above conditions is not found satisfactory. State Government will ensure fulfillment of these conditions through forest department.

Hindi version will follow

Yours faithfully,



(SK Sehrawat)

Conservator of Forest (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, H.P., Talland, Shimla-171001.
2. The Director (FC), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
3. DFO, Forest Division and District Chamba, Himachal Pradesh.
4. M/s Himalayan Slates & Stone, District Chamba, Himachal Pradesh.
5. Guard file.