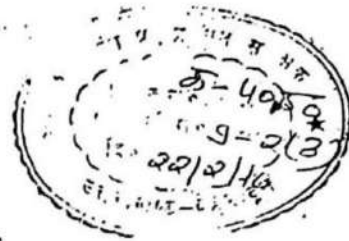


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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Forest and Revenue Department,  
Government of Uttarakhand,  
Dehradun.

Sub: Permission for extraction of minor minerals from Gaula river beds on 1497.00 ha of forest land in Western Circle, Nainital district, Uttarakhand in favour of Uttarakhand Forest Development Nigam.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Uttarakhand's letter No. 208/1G-2726 (Naini) Dated 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 on the above mentioned subject, wherein prior approval of the Central Government for the permission for extraction of minor minerals from Gaula river beds on 1497.00 ha of forest land in Western Circle, Nainital district, Uttarakhand in favour of Uttarakhand Forest Development Nigam, was sought, in accordance with Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. This diversion proposal has been examined and approval was issued by the Central Government under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act vide even no dated 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2010. Now the State Government has sent the compliance vide 2311 /1G-2726 (Naini) Dated 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

After careful consideration of the compliance of the State Government of Uttarakhand, the Central Government hereby grant approval for the permission for extraction of minor minerals from Gaula river beds on 1497.00 ha of forest land in Western Circle, Nainital District, Uttarakhand in favour of Uttarakhand Forest Development Nigam, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. 25% of revenue realised from disposal of material from river beds shall be spent on river training and treatment of catchment area.

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3. Compensatory Afforestation will be raised over 1497.00 ha of degraded forest land over approved period of 10 years @ 149.7 ha of plantation/treatment each year, from the funds so collected/realised from sale of the materials.
5. Adequate number of temporary check posts will be established at entry and exit points before start of work, and proper record of material collected and removed will be maintained.
6. Extraction of material should be from the middle of the river bed after leaving one-fourth of the river bed on each bank untouched.
7. There shall be no labour camp in the forest area for the labour involved in the extraction work.
8. No explosive shall be used while extracting the material and only hand-tools will be used for the collection of boulders, bajri, etc.
9. Collection time shall be from sun-rise to sun-set.
10. Breaking of boulders will be done outside the forest boundaries.
11. The labourers engaged in collection work will be provided free fuelwood/alternate source of energy to avoid any pressure on adjoining forest areas.
12. There shall be no extraction of material from the river beds during monsoon period, i.e., from June to October each year.
13. The forest area shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
14. Detailed proposal for restoration of Gola Elephant Corridor in consultation with ITBP, IOC and Railways shall be submitted.
15. The circumstances under which the forest land transferred to Railways has been given to IOC without prior approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be investigated and be reported.
16. A corpus at the disposal of Chief Wild life Warden wherein earning from the extraction of minor minerals should be put in to do work for wildlife



management and forest protection in the area, shall be created within six months.

17. On both sides of the Gola corridor in length of 2.5 km will be excluded from collection of Sand and bajari by the State Forest Corporation as discussed in the FAC. In case of transportation also, the elephant reserve area and corridors should be avoided so that elephants can move freely.
18. The present revenue sharing mechanism shall be revisited to optimise the return to the Forest Department to be ploughed back to the corpus mentioned above.
19. The present permission will be valid for one year during which condition nos. 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 shall be complied with so that further period can be further considered by FAC.
20. Any other conditions that the CCF(C), Regional Office, Lucknow may impose from time to time in the interest of Afforestation and protection of flora and fauna in that area shall also be valid.
21. All other conditions under different rules, regulations and guidelines including environmental clearance and rehabilitation of tribal and other forest dweller shall be complied with.

Yours faithfully,

(B. K. Singh)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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