

SITE INSPECTION REPORT- NOT BELOW THE RANK OF DCF
(for the forest land to be diverted under FCA)

5.1 A proposal has been received by this office from **Regional manager(western Region), Uttarakhand Van Vikas Nigam, Ramnagar** for diversion under FCA-1980) of **150** ha. of forest land for non-forestry purpose. The project envisages the use of forest land for **Mining of minerals from Koshi-Dabka(Part-2) river in reserve forest**. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on dated **16-1-2021**

5.2 On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the user agency is a RF/PF/un-classed/Other forests measuring **150** ha.

5.3 The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Co1.2 part-1 is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project. *yes.*

5.4 Whether any rare /endangered /unique species of flora and fauna found in the area. If, so the details there of : the land proposed for land transfer is river bed which does not have any rare /endangered /unique species of flora and fauna.

5.5 xx Whether any protected archeological /heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area, if, so the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required. **No such site present**

- a) The user agency has not violated the provisions of forest (Conservation), Act 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction. *Nil, yes*
- b) It has been found that the user agency has violated (Conservation), Act, and 1980 provisions. A details report as per para 1.9 of chapter 1, Para C of Hand book of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 attached. **Nil**

Specific recommendation for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal.

The patch of river proposed for collection of minor mineral falls in District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand. Several villages and stone crusher are located in the vicinity of the river. The forest division does not have sufficient staff, vehicles, chowki in the nearby area and financial resources to oversee and ensure smooth operation of collection of minor mineral. Therefore, the project is recommended subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

- The patch of Kosi River proposed for collection of minor mineral does not have any forest chowki which can be used to station forest personnel for keeping a check on illegal activities. Therefore, provision of 8 chowki, with 4 on each side of river, is required. These chowki shall also serve as check post to regulate and maintain records of the quantity of river bed materials extracted during a season.
- Provision of at least 12 persons with 3 staff for each check post is made so that the forest personnel engaged in routine forest protection can be kept free for performing their forest and wildlife protection duties. Out of 3 staff 1 shall be the regular staff and 2 shall be contractual staff the expense of which shall be paid by the user agency.
- The division is short of vehicle to do patrolling in the river bed and nearby forest to control unlawful collection of minor mineral, protect forest and wildlife and prevent encroachment. Therefore, at least 4 vehicles new vehicles capable of plying on riverbed is provided.
- 2 Km long wirecrate checkdams at sensitive locations are created to prevent river bank erosion and prevent the forest land from washing away due to flood.

- On the lines of provision of Forest Clearance of Kosi, Dabka, Gola, Sharda and Nandhaur rivers. 50% of the net profit earned from the extraction of minor mineral shall be deposited in Special Purpose Vehicles to be exclusively used for protection of forest and wildlife in the vicinity of forest land diverted for collection of minor minerals.
- A portion of fund contributed to district mineral fund from collection of minor mineral from above river patch is exclusively used for developmental work in the villages in the vicinity of river on the recommendation of Divisional Forest Officer so as to garner people support towards forest and wildlife protection.
- To maintain river geometry, provision of river training work to be conducted by forest department post collection season is made.

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Date:- 31-1-2021

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N.B. x State the purpose for which the forest land is proposed to be diverted.
xx out of(a) and (b) tick the option which is applicable and cross the option which is not applicable.

As per letter number 2-2/2000 FC dated 16-10-2000 from ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India for proposal involving less then 40 hectares of forest land, the site inspection report from DCF is required and for proposal involving more the 40 hectares of forest land site inspection report from the conservation of forests is required.