Dated: -03/12/2024

The Divisional Forest Officer, Paonta Forest Division, Paonta Sahib (HP).

Subject:

Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Sam vardhan) Abhiniyam, 1980 in favour of sh. Tapender Singh Saini, for non-forestry use of 6.2255 ha, of forest land for extraction of sand Stone and Bajri from Yamuna River, within the jurisdiction of Paonta Sahib forest division, Distt. Sirmour in the State of HP (Online proposal No. FP/HP/Min

/304477/2017) regarding.

Sir,

Please refer to GoI MoEF & CC letter no. 8C/HP/05/27/2021/FC dated 22.11.2024 received through your good office on FCA portal on dated 28.11.2024.

In this regard, it is also informed here that the reason for the delay in the gap of about one and half year i.e. 28.10.2022 to 22.04.2024 due to observations raised by the Nodal Officer on dated 23.12.2023 and the same was completed and submitted through your office for approval. But my case was returned back by Regional Office vide letter No. 8C/HP/05/27/2021/FC dated 03.10.2024 and letter no. 8C/HP/05/27/2021/FC dated 22.11.2024.

Considering the above scenario, I would like to mention that I had submitted my case online dated 28 Nov 2017 which is now more than six years. Every time my case has been returned rejected with new observations, whereas FCA,1980 says that the concerned department can raise the observations only once. Moreover, if you do the cost benefit analysis of this project, Himachal Pradesh Govt. is suffering from approx. Rs28crore revenue loss just because of this.

Hence, it is once again humbly requested to kindly reconsider these observations and send to higher authority to grant me the required clearance at the earliest please. This will be very helpful in preventing the loss to Forest department, Mining Department and myself due to the unnecessary delay in the project.

I will always be grateful for your favour.

Thanking you

Tapinder Singh Saini

(User agency).

3/12/24