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Government of India
Ministry of Environment & Forests
(FC Division)

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Dated: 26th May, 2009.

To

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

Sub: Renewal of permission over 1325.00 ha of forest land for collection of sand, bajri and boulders from river beds in district Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Uttarakhand's letter No. 5609/14-2-98-500(64)/1998 dated 07th May, 1999 and Nodal Officer's letter No. 626/11C-977 (Dehradun) dated 29th August, 2006 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted under Section-3 of the said Act, in-principle approval for the said proposal was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 22nd September, 2008 subject to fulfilment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the PCCF vide letter 1253/11C-977(Dehradun) dated 17th September, 2008, approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for renewal of permission over 1325.00 ha of forest land for collection of sand, bajri and boulders from river beds in district Dehradun, Uttarakhand, subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:-

- (i) The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) 25% of revenue realised from disposal of material from river beds shall be spent on river training and treatment of catchment area.
- (iii) Compensatory Afforestation will be raised over 1325.00 ha of degraded forest land over approved period of 10 years @ 132.50 ha of plantation/treatment each year, from the funds so collected/realised from sale of the materials.

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- (iv) The User Agency will undertake to pay NPV as per the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995.
- (v) 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.
- (vi) Extraction of material should be from the middle of the river bed after leaving one-fourth of the river bed on each bank untouched.
- (vii) There shall be no labour camp in the forest area for the labour involved in the extraction work.
- (viii) No explosive shall be used while extracting the material and only hand-tools will be used for the collection of boulders, bajri, etc.
- (ix) Collection time shall be from sun-rise to sun-set.
- (x) Breaking of boulders will be done outside the forest boundaries.
- (xi) The labourers engaged in collection work will be provided free fuelwood/alternate source of energy to avoid any pressure on adjoining forest areas.
- (xii) There shall be no extraction of material from the river beds during monsoon period, i.e., from June to October each year.
- (xiii) The forest area shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (xiv) 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.

Yours faithfully

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
2. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forest, Regional Office, Lucknow
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, Ministry of Environment and Forests
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