

**Government of Punjab
Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation
(Forest Branch)**

Dated: 11-03-2024

To

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.

Subject: Diversion of 0.017624 ha (instead of 0.008912 ha) of forest land in favour of M/s Saint Baba Fateh singh Trust VPO Maur Mandi Bathinda for Construction of approach road to College on Bhawanigarh-Kotshamir road SH-12A between KM Stone No 87-88 R/s under Forest Division and Distt. Bathinda, Punjab. FP/PB/35063/2018.

The MoEF&CC notification dated 29.11.2023, under clause No.9 of 5074 (E) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023, the State Government has authorized to grant of In-principle approval upto 0.1 ha. of forest land.

Kindly refer to the subject cited above and letter under reference for seeking prior approval in accordance with MoEF&CC notification dated 29.11.2023, under clause No.9 of 5074 (E) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023 for diversion of **0.017624 ha (instead of 0.008912 ha)** ha. Of forest land for non-forestry purpose. After careful examination of the proposal, **Stage-I** approval is hereby conveyed for the above-mentioned project, subject to the following conditions:

General Conditions

Sr. No.	Conditions
1.	Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2.	Cost of Compensatory Afforestation, as per CA scheme, may be realized from the user agency.
3.	Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land 0.017624 ha (instead of 0.008912 hectares being diverted for non-forestry purpose may be realized from the user agency, as per Ministry's directions issued vide letters No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 6 th January 2022 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Order WPINo. 202/1995, I.A.No. In 566, dated 30 th October 2002, 28 th March, 2008, 24 th April, 2008 and 9 th May 2008.
4.	The Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land and all other CA levies shall be deposited through web portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change www.parivesh.nic.in .

5.	Complete compliance report will be uploaded in the e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).
6.	User agency should ensure that the compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV, etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
7.	FRA 2006 Certificate to be submitted.
8.	The Divisional Forest Officer shall furnish undertaking that the approved CA site(s) will not be changed without the approval of competent authority.

2. Standard conditions

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1.	The number of trees/plants to be felled shall not in any way exceed the number indicated in the proposal and no harm shall be done to the wildlife during felling of trees. The felling of trees/plants will be carried out under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the amount spent on felling of trees/plants will be deposited by the user agency to the State Forest Department.
2.	As per the proposed CA Scheme, Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Divisional Forest Officer over degraded forest Phul Disty RD Jaude Pul to Railway Line B/s, of village/Tehsil/Range Rampura, District Bathinda by planting plants at the cost of the user agency. The Compensatory afforestation scheme, as approved, shall be implemented by the Divisional Forest Officer at the project cost within a period of three years from the date of grant of "Final Approval" . As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall strictly be avoided.
3.	The Divisional Forest Officer shall ensure that the approved CA site will not be changed without the approval of Competent Authority.
4.	The Divisional Forest Officer shall upload the KML files of the degraded forest area accepted for raising compensatory afforestation in the E-Green watch portal of FSI, before handing over of forest land to the user agency.
5.	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
6.	The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased by the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court and the

	State Government will ensure that the increased amount is deposited.
7.	The initial permission will be given to this proposal for 99 years. After that the permission shall again be obtained from the Government of India. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favor of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
8.	No kind of damage will be done to the adjoining forest land. Simultaneously, all efforts will be made to save adjoining forest and forest land.
9.	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall, under no circumstances, be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the State Government.
10.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of State Government.
11.	The user agency shall carry out muck disposal at pre-designated sites as per the scheme approved.
12.	Any other condition may be stipulated by State Govt. office from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
13.	User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental(Protection) Act,1986, if applicable.
14.	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF & CC, guideline 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by Ministry's letter 29.12.2023.
15.	It will be the responsibility of the Divisional Forest Officer/User Agency to obtain all other prior approvals/clearances under all other relevant Acts/Rules/ Court's Rulings/instructions, etc., including environmental clearance, as applicable to this proposal.

3. Specific Conditions:

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval as per MoEF&CC notification dated 29.11.2023 under clause No.9 of 5074 (E) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules

2023. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the State Government in this regard.

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UNDER SECRETARY
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2. Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.
3. Conservator of Forests, Ferozepur Circle, Ferozepur.
4. Divisional Forest Officer, Bathinda.
5. SAINT BABA FATEH SINGH TRUST, Factory Road, Maur Mandi, Distt. Bathinda.

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