

MINING PLAN

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MINOR MINERAL CONTRACT

FOR STONE , SAND & BAJRI

SITUATED IN KHASRA No.1334/1, 1.7674 HECTARES,

MAUZA KALSWAI, TEHSIL DHARAMPUR,
DISTRICT MANDI

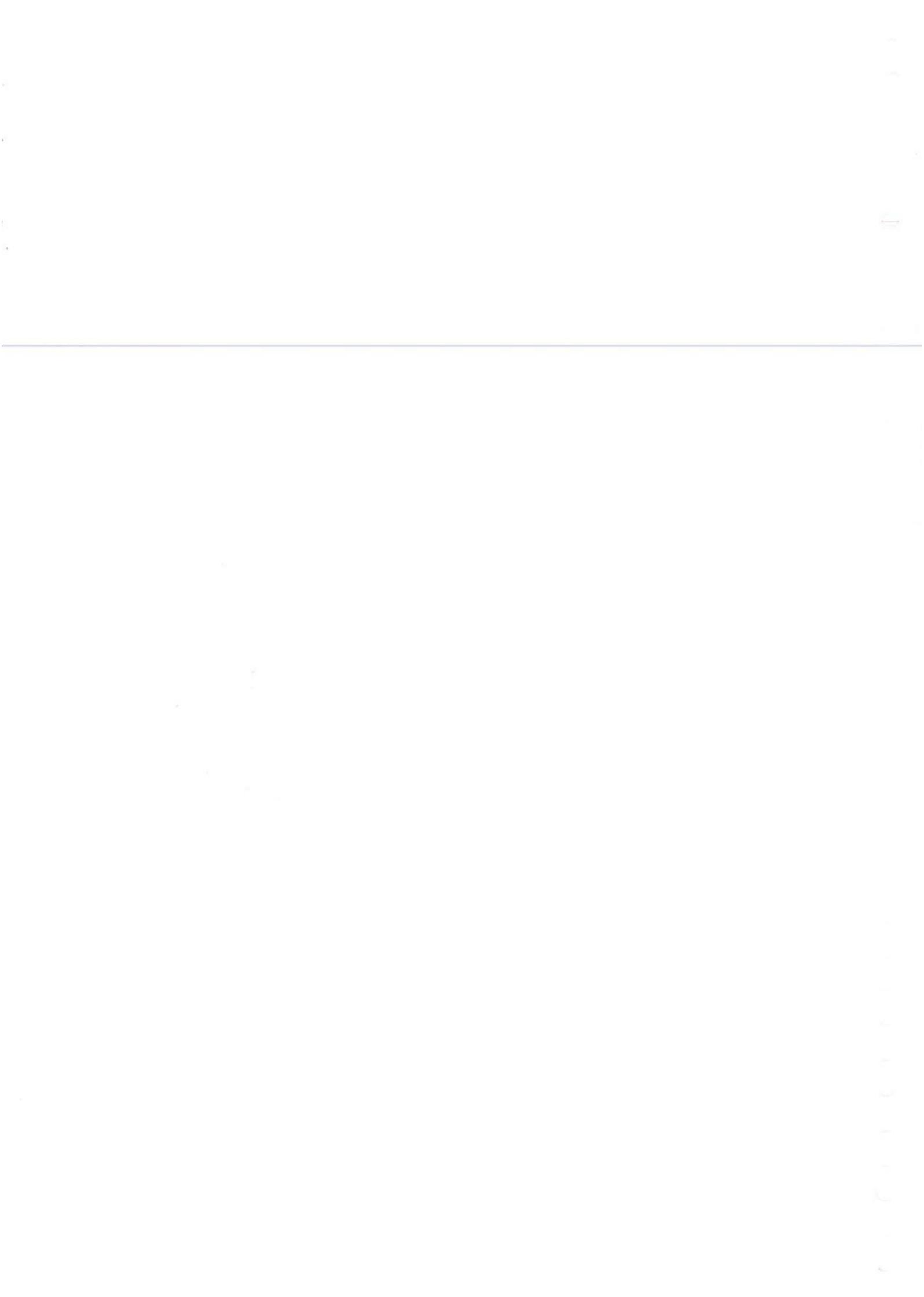


LETTER OF INTENT GRANTED IN FAVOUR
OF
Shri VINOD KUMAR
VILLAGE TRAMBLA & POST LONGNI,
TAHSIL DHARAMPUR & DISTRICT MANDI,
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INTRODUCTION

Shri Vinod Kumar, S/o Sh. Swami Ram, resident of Village Trambala, P.O Longni, Sub-tehsil Dharampur, and District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, have been issued a "Letter of Intent" for grant of mining contract for mining sand, stone and bajri for a period of fifteen years vide letter No. Udyog-Bhu(Khani-4) Laghu-611/2018- 2431 dated 05-06-2018.

In accordance with condition 2 of 'Letter of Intent and Rule 35 of the 'Himachal Pradesh Minor Minerals (Concession) and Mineral (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation, and Storage) Rules 2015' the lessee has to submit 'Mining Plan' for five years of the area applied or auctioned for mining contract. Therefore, bidder requested for the preparation of Mining Plan of the area after the issuance of 'Letter of Intent'. Accordingly, this 'Mining Plan' is prepared in accordance with the 'FORM 'M' annexed with the said Rules.

The auctioned block is a part of a Son Khad bed, Part III in Mauza Kalswai, Tehsil Dharampur of district Mandi. It lies at about 2 km from Dharampur and approx. 64 Km. from Mandi, the headquarter town of the district.

General

1.1 Name and address of the applicant

1.1. A. Name of the applicant --

Shri Vinod Kumar son of Shri Swami Ram



1.1. B. Address of the applicant -

Village : Trambla
Post office : Longni
Sub-Tahsil : Dharampur
District : Mandi.

1.2 Status of the applicant

Shri Vinod Kumar is highest bidder in open auction of the mining quarry, held by State Government.

1.3 Minerals which the Applicant intends to mine

The applicants intend to mine Stone, Sand and Bajri. The stones, sand and bajri will be sold in open market to construction industry/infrastructure industry depending upon the market demand.

1.4 Period for which the mining contract is granted

Fifteen years.

1.5 Name and address of the RQP preparing the Mining Plan:

Subhash Sharma
207, Basant Vihar, Kasumpti,
Shimla 171009: Mobile 9816029594.
HP/RQP/01/1/2004

1.6. Name and address of the prospecting agency

The detailed prospecting of the area was carried out by the R Q P for preparation of this report. The secondary base data is collected from various sources such as Geological reports of the Geological Survey of India and various departments of Union and State Government.

2. LOCATION AND APPROACH OF THE AREA.

2.1 Topo-sheet No. H 43E13

Surveyed by Survey of India
Surveyed in 1989-90
Updated in 2005
Published in 2010
Scale 1:50000



Table 1: Showing latitude and longitude of bounding the area.

Latitude	Longitude
31° 47' 42.2" N	76° 45' 05.4" E
31° 47' 37.2" N	76° 45' 01.8" E

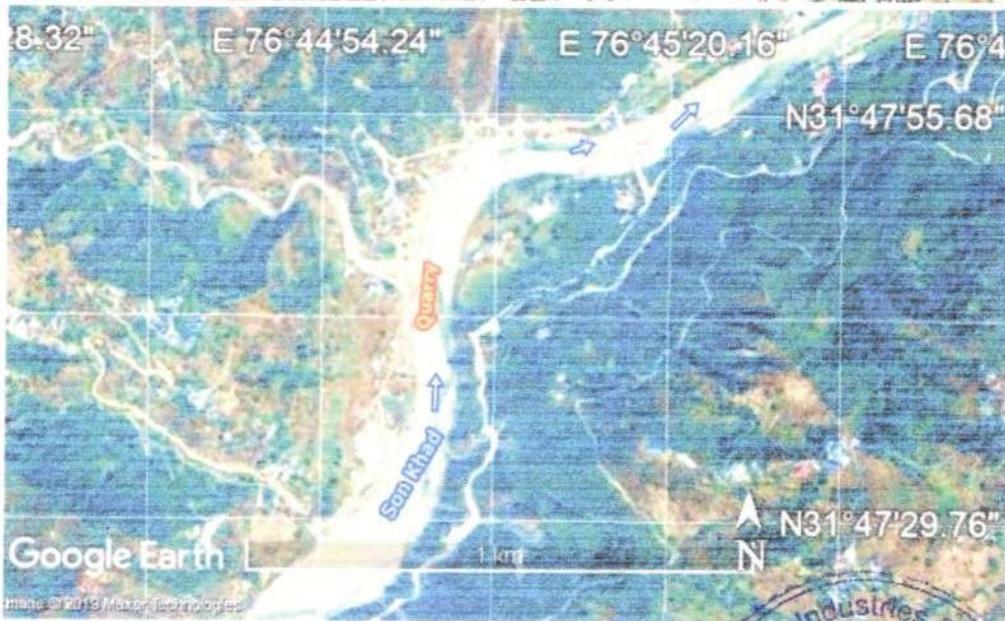
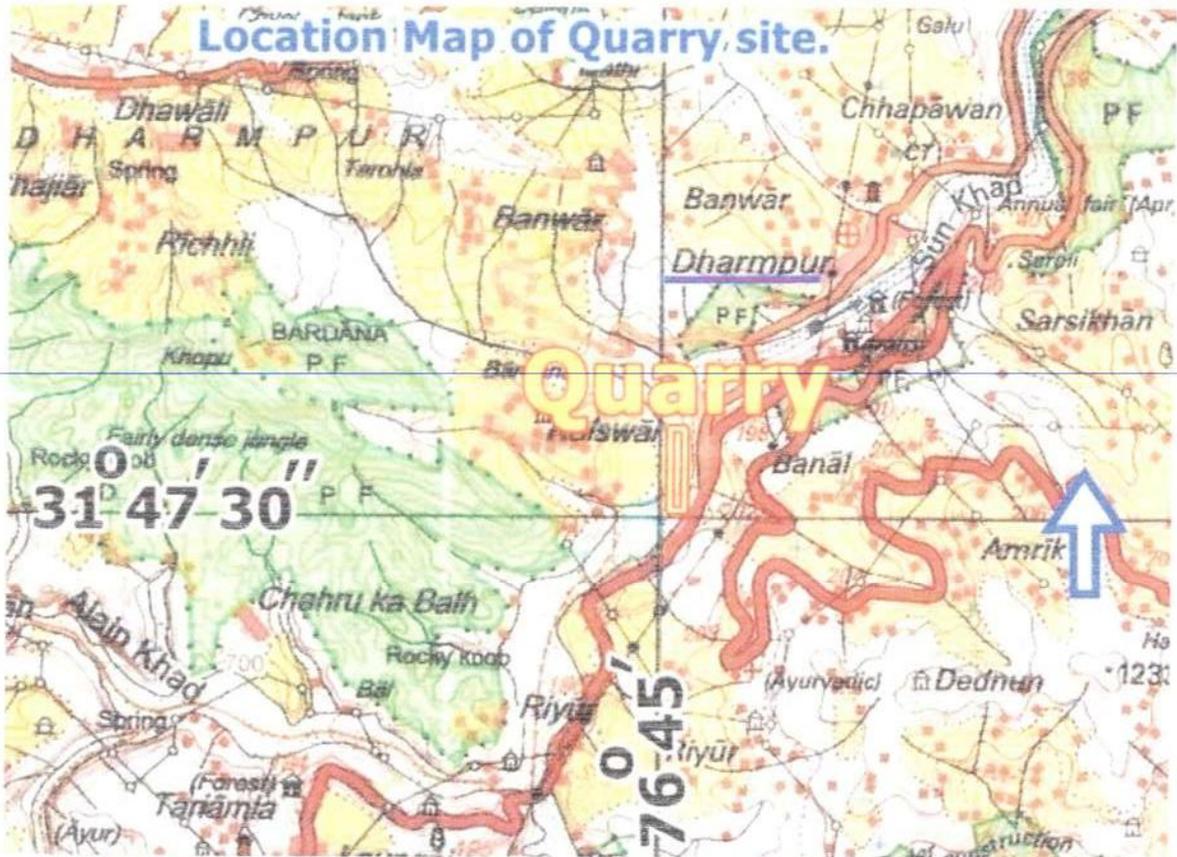


Figure 1 Location & Coordinates of Quarry Site

2.2 Location Details of the Area.

2.2a Revenue Details of the Area.



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Table 2 : Details of Revenue Record

Khasra Number	Area Hectares	Status	Owner of Land	Kism	Mauza
1334/1	1.7674	State Government	State Government	Gair Mumkin Darya	Kalswai
Total			1.7674 Hectares)		

2.3 Address Details

Village: -	Kalswai
Patwar circle: -	Dharampur
Post Office: -	Kalswai
Tahsil: -	Dharampur
District: -	Mandi
Sub-Divisional Office (Civil): -	Sarkaghat
Divisional Office (Forest): -	Jogindernager
Range Office (Forest): -	Sarkaghat
Assistant Engineer (IPH): -	Dharampur
Assistant Engineer (PWD): -	Dharampur
State :	Himachal Pradesh

2.4 Distance from Important Places to Quarry site.

Sr. No	Place	Distance (In Km)
1	Dharampur (Sub Tehsil Hq.) • Road	2.5
2	Kalswai • Road	1
3	Mandi (District HQ) • Road	64
4	Shimla (State HQ) • Road (National Highway 22) • Narrow gauge Railway • Airport	165
5	Joginder Nager • Road • Metre gauge railway	57
6	Bhunter • Road • Airport	
7	Sujanpur • Road	51



2.5 Approach to the Area.

The auctioned site is part of Son Khad a tributary of Beas river and can be approached from Dharampur by rural road and by a Katcha Track of about 100 metres leading to mine.

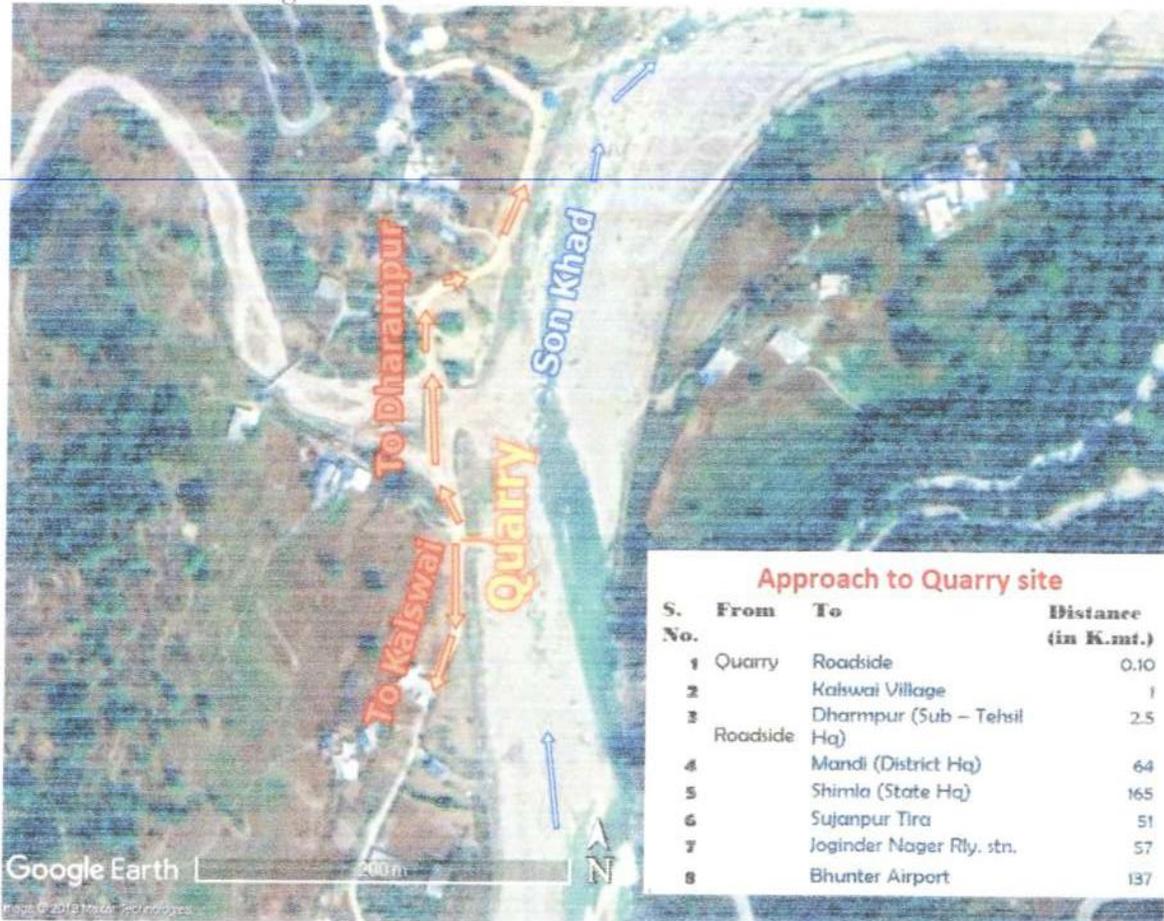


Figure 2: Approach to Quarry site

3. Physiographical Aspect of the Area

3.1 General

The area in general is a part of the Lesser Himalaya. The Lesser Himalayas, located in northwestern India in the states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, in north-central India in the state of Sikkim, and in northeastern India in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, range from 1,500 to 5,000 meters in height.

The general relief of the Mandi District is as given below in the figure: -3: -



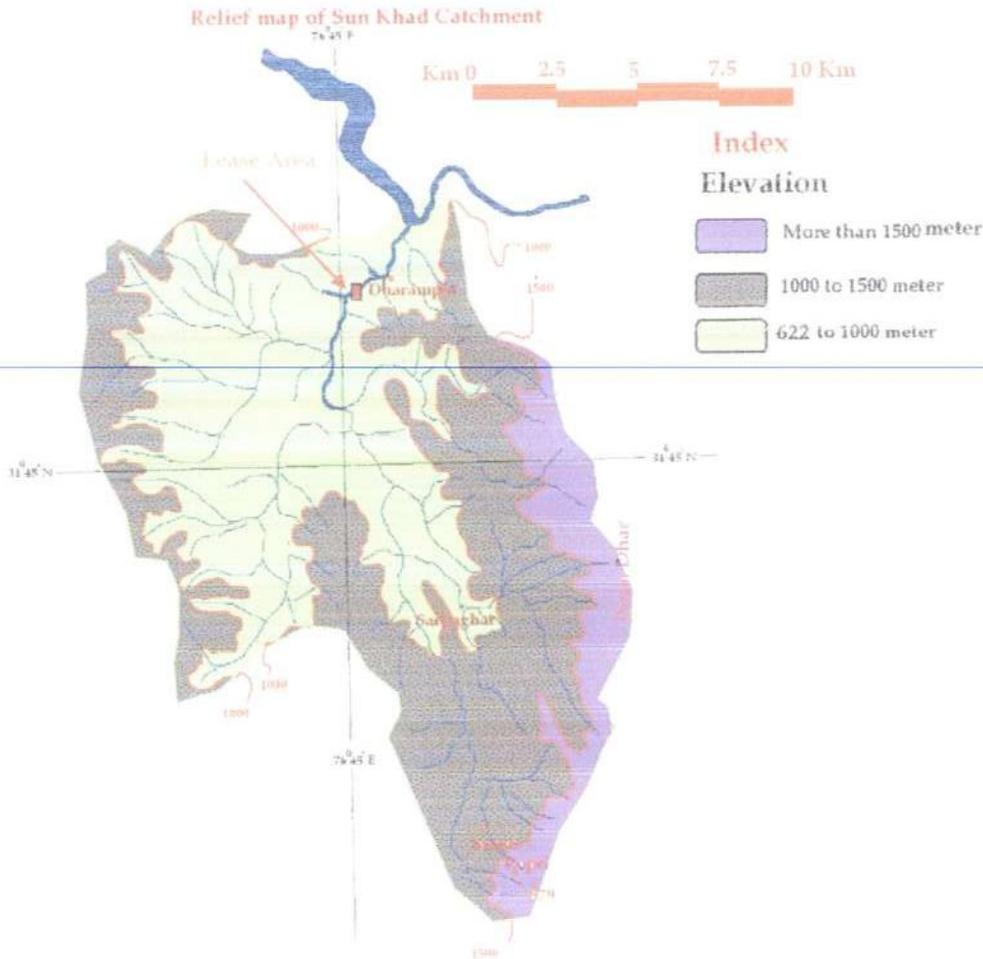


Figure 3: The broad Geo-Morphological Divisions of the Son Catchment.

The Satellite photograph was taken from the Google is given below (Figure: -4) to depict the general physiography of the area showing that the major ridges/ water divides are generally running N-S and all spurs are running parallel to the NE-SW line.

3.2 Altitude of the area

- The highest contour of auctioned out area in Beas River is 652 Meters above MSL,
- The lowest contour of the auctioned-out area in Beas River is 622 meters above MSL,



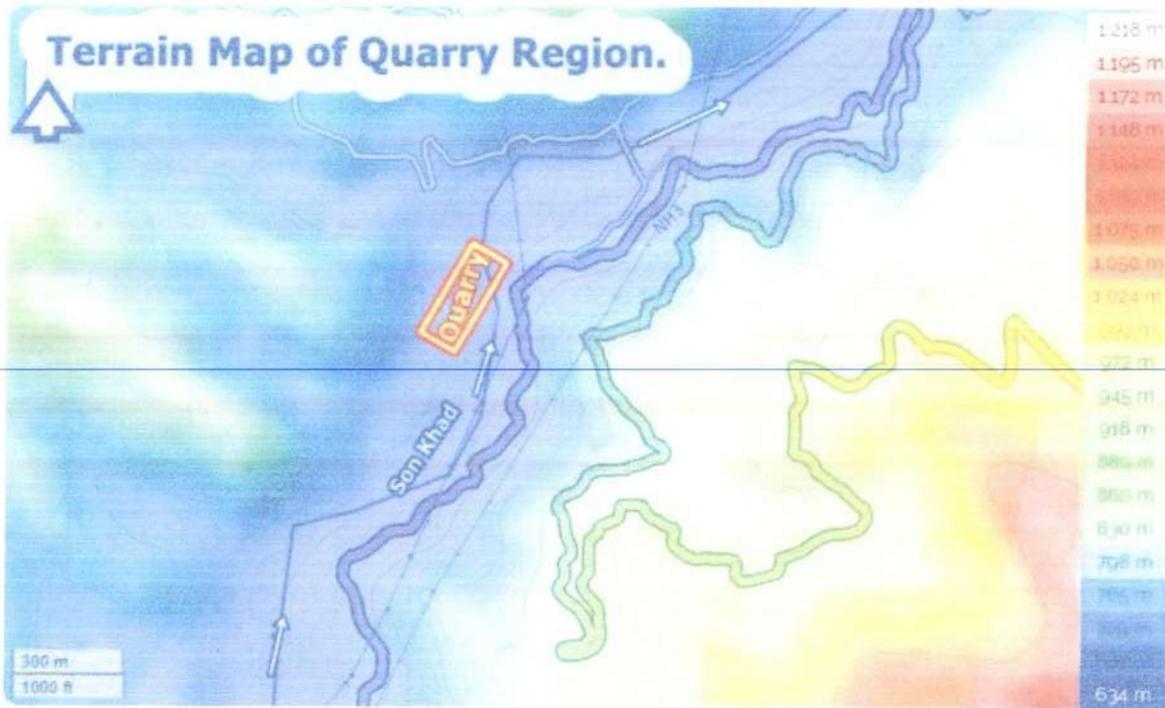


Figure 4: Terrain Map of the Area.

3.3 Climate of Area

The climate of district is hot in summer as it is situated in valley at lower altitude while surrounding mountains top experience pleasant weather and cold in winters. Monsoon brings plenty of rain from July to September. October to November is pleasant weather, during this time Lake is completely full. Hottest months are May and June when temperature usually hover around 37-38 degree Celsius and sometimes for few days jumping to about 40 degrees Celsius, the nights are comparatively cooler, and month wise temperature is given in figure 7.

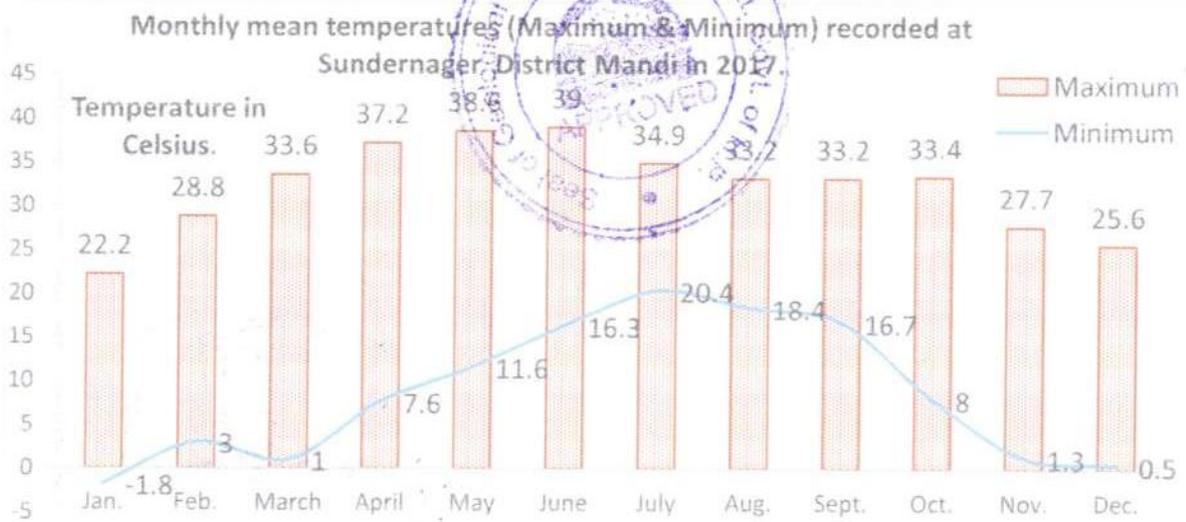


Figure 5: Mean monthly maximum and minimum temperature recorded at IMD

station at Sundernager.

3.4 Rainfall

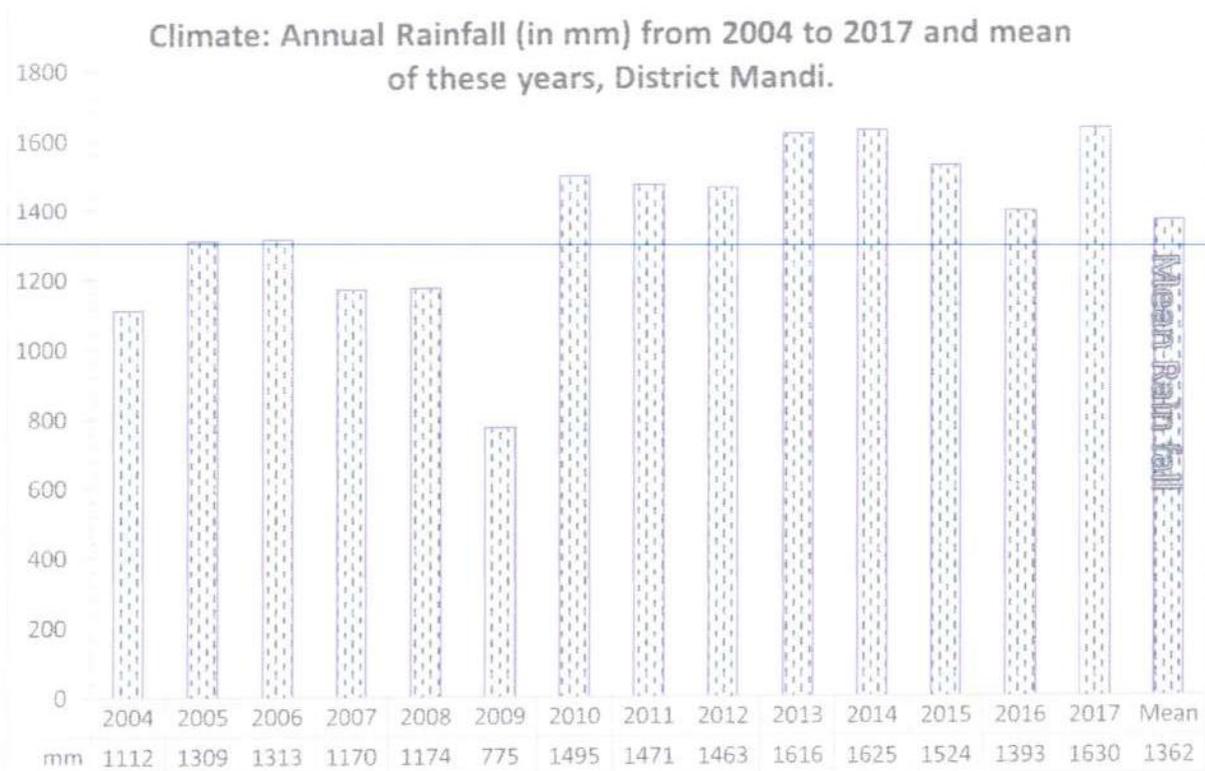


Figure 6: Rainfall of the District.

3.5 Any other important feature

The mining contract area falls in riverbed of Son Khad tributary of Beas River and accessibility to the quarry site is through a kutchra road.



PART I

1. DESCRIPTION OF RIVER/STREAM BED IN WHICH THE CONTRACT IS SITUATED

4.1 General

The contract area is situated in the Son Khad, a primary tributary of Beas River. Son Khad originates at a height of 1879 meter above mean sea level, from Sinkandr Dhar (origin lies in the Survey of India, topo-sheet NoH43E14. The general flow is S to N.

The attitude at confluence with Beas River is 622 Metres above MSL (lies in the Survey of India, toposheet No H43E113). The total length is about 27 Km. (The total catchment of the Son Khad lies on survey of India Topo-sheet Nos H43E9, H43E10, H43E13 & H43E14.

The general analysis of the drainage system of Son Khad is given below in table 5 (as per 1:125000 scale)

Table 3 Showing drainage analysis of the Son Khad Catchment

Sr .No	Drainage	No of Stream	Total Length Km	Average Length Km	Bifurcation ratio
1	1st Order	65	156	2.4	0.92
2	2 nd order	16	33.6	2.1	0.94
3	3 rd order	5	31.6	6.3	0.83
4	4 th order	1	9.4	9.4	0.50
	Total stream	87	230		

There is no uniformity/ equational order of average length in each order suggesting that river has not attained proper age and valley is in process of expansion i.e erosion in upper reach will be unavoidable. Bifurcation ratio also suggest that it has not attained maturity particularly 1st, and 2nd order hence regular erosion in the upper reaches. The low bifurcation ratio of the 3rd order stream is indicative that the valley is in the stage of further expansion. The average length of 2nd order is less than 1st order is indicative of structural control of the valley.

Basic Geometry of the catchment is as: -

Area of the Catchment = 187.4 Sq. Km

Perimeter of the Catchment = 54 Km

Length of the river 27 Km

Length of Valley 22 Km

Width of the catchment at maximum 15.2 km

From various analysis of the drainage the Son Khad can be divided into two parts

- From origin to the 800 meter above mean sea level
The zone of active erosion—Young stage
- From 800-meter contour to confluence with Beas River
The zone of erosion during very high flood otherwise deposition – Maturity stage.

The contract area is situated in the zone of Maturity

The catchment of the Son Khad is given below in the figure 7

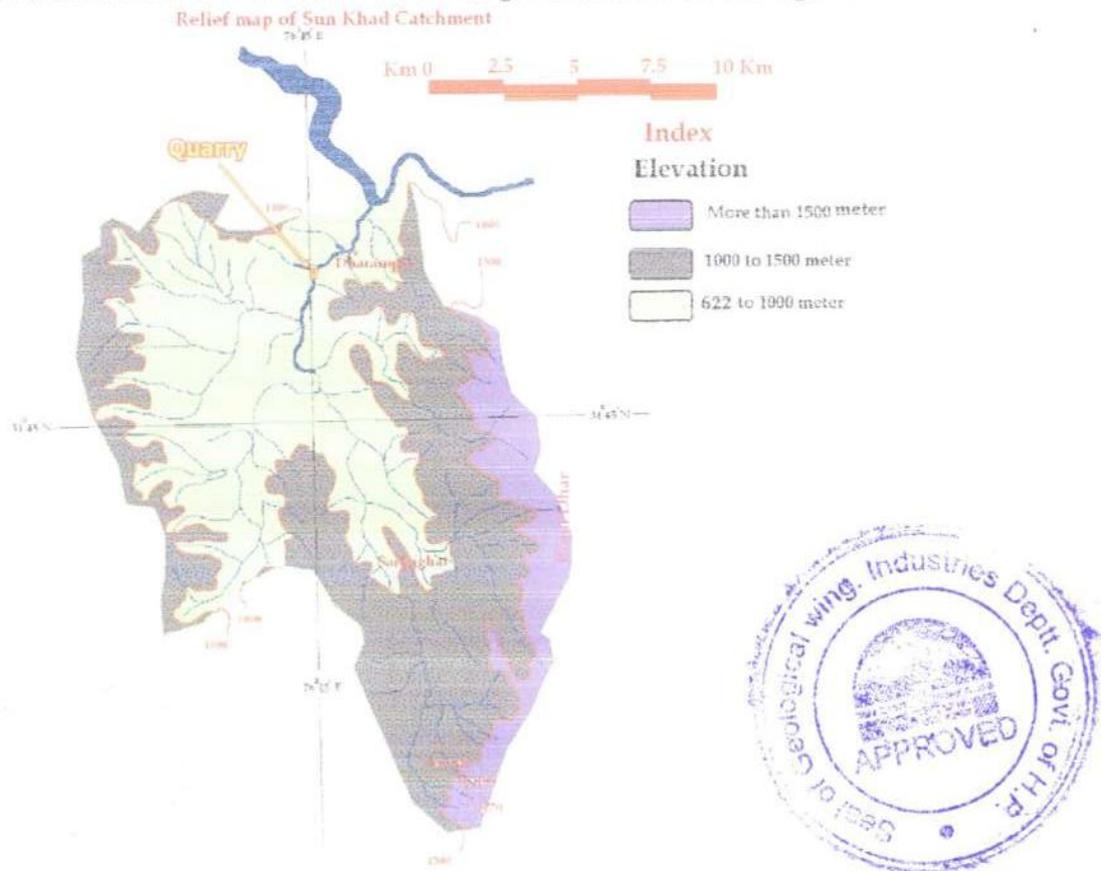


Figure 7: Catchment area of Son Khad.

1.2 Name of River/ Stream in which the contract is situated

Son Khad – Primary tributary of Beas River.

1.3 Drainage System

Beas River

1.4 Type of Drainage

Dendritic (Figure 7)

1.5 Origin of River/Stream

Son Khad originate at a height of 1879 meter above mean sea level, from Sinkandr Dhar (origin lies in the Survey of India, toposheet No H43E14). The general flow is S to N.

The attitude at confluence with Beas River is 622 Metres above MSL (lies in the Survey of India, toposheet No 53 A/13).

1.6 Attitude at Origin

1879 metres above MSL

1.7 Width of River at the place of Mining

80 to 130 Metres

1.8 The annual deposition at the place of mining

5 to 8 Cm, at different location, in the quarry area as evident from the photo 1



Photo 1 Showing annual deposition of 5 to 8 Cm near quarry area and also showing one year depositional part.



1.9 The Competency of the River/ Stream at the mining site

The general competency at the mining area is 4 to 7 Kg approx. The largest boulder varies 24 to 37 cm X 19 to 34 cm X 19 to 32 cm (length X breath X height) (Photo 4,)



Photo 2 :Showing the competency of river in contract area

1.10 The level of HFL

During monsoon floods the water level rises by about 1.5 metres, at times for short spells.

1.11 The level of LFL

About 0.30 centimeters.

1.12 The thread of deepest water in meandering.

The landform being depositional the meandering thread is constantly changing during the rains depending upon the water level.



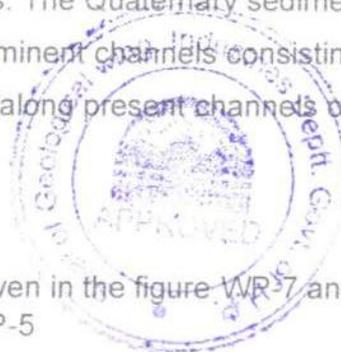
2. Geology

2.1 Regional Geology

GEOLOGICALLY Himachal Pradesh can be broadly divided into two major geo-tectonic zones viz. the Lesser Himalayan tectogen in the south and the Tethys Himalayan Tectogen in the north. These two tectonic zones are juxtaposed with each other along a major tectonic break collectively designated as Main Central Thrust in the sense defined by Srikantia (1988). Mandi District lying within the Lesser Himalaya and the Shiwalik Foothill comprises rocks ranging in age from Proterozoic to Quaternary. The oldest rocks are of undifferentiated Proterozoic age, comprising carbonaceous phyllite, schist, gneiss, quartzite and marble. The Ghoghar Dhar (Undifferentiated Proterozoic age) occurs as an intrusive body within the Chail Group of rock. This granite body is well foliated and composed of gneisses, granite with minor aplite and basic veinlets. The Sondernagar Group of Rocks of Meso- Proterozoic age is represented by quartzite with basic flows. The Shali Group of Rocks (Meso- Proterozoic) Comprising limestone, dolomite, (at places stromatolytic) slate, & quartzite. The Subathu consists mainly, of olive green shales and grey shales. At the top, a band of white quartzite is exposed; this band of white quartzite has been taken as the marker, defining the top of the Subathu sequence. The thick sequence of brackish and fresh water sediments immediately succeeding the fossiliferous marine Subathu are classified as Dharamshala Formation. The Dharamshala Formation are widely exposed in the Mandi parautochthon, further west in the autochthon, these rocks are exposed, in the core of the Sarkaghat anticline. The Shiwalik Group of Middle Miocene of Early Pleistocene age comprises coarse clastic fluvial deposits of sandstone, clay and conglomerates. The Quaternary sediments (Older Alluvium and Newer Alluvium) along prominent channels consisting of sand, silt, clay, pebbles and cobbles occurring along present channels of Middle to Late Pleistocene and Holocene age.

5.2 Local Geology

The local geological sequence in the area is given in the figure WR-7 and stratigraphy of the area is given in the table WP-5



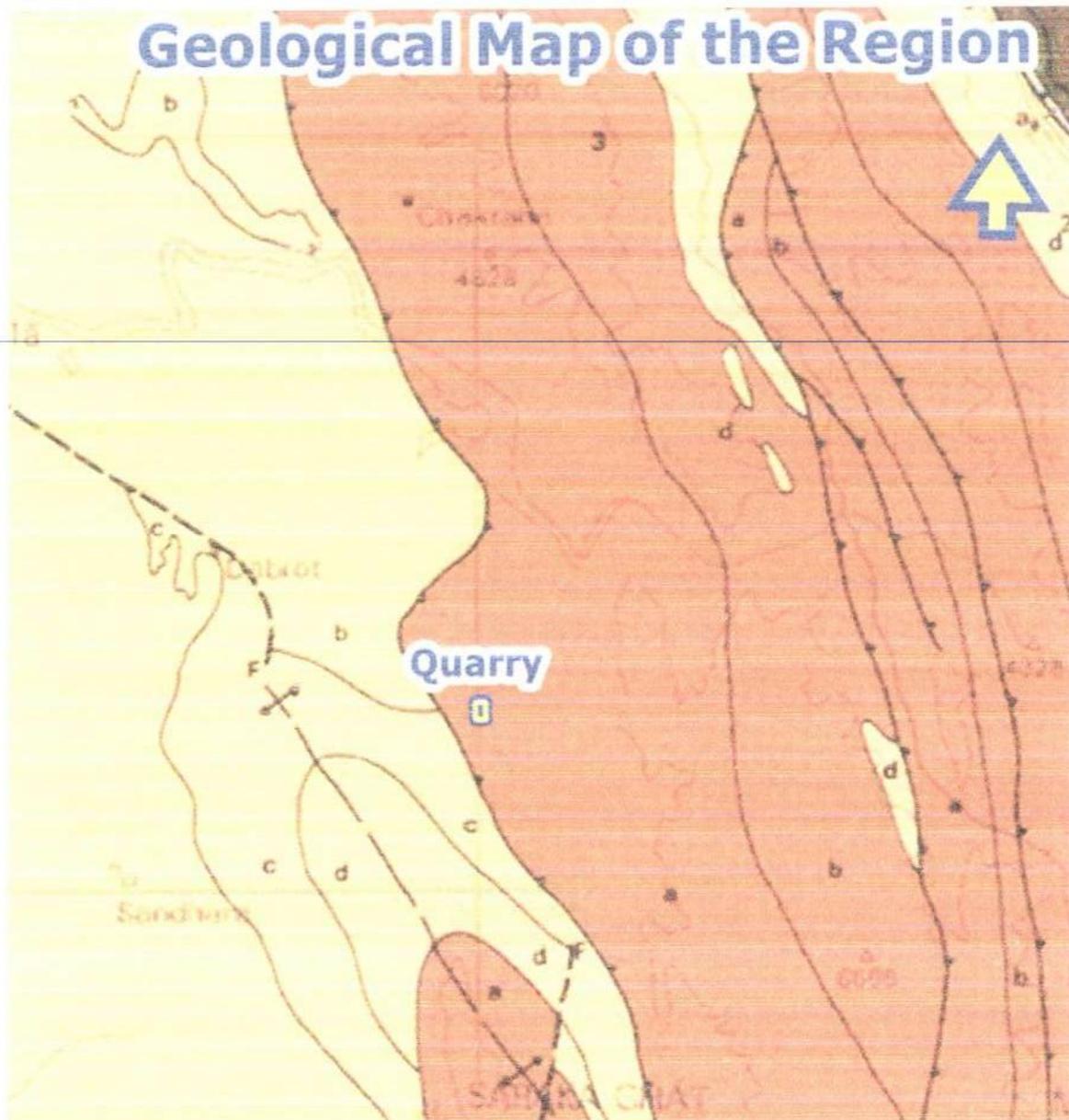


Figure 8: Geological Map of the Area

Table : Stratigraphy of the Son Khad/Son Khad Area

Sr. No	Formation	Rocks
1	Newer Alluvium Channel Alluvium	Grey micaceous, fine to coarse grained sand, silt, clay, boulders, cobbles and pebbles of sandstone and quartzite
2	Upper Siwalik	Predominantly massive conglomerate with red and orange clay as matrix and minor



		sandstone and earthy buff and brown claystone
3	Middle Siwalik	Massive Sandstone with minor conglomerate and local variegated claystone
4	Lower Siwalik	Alternation of fine to medium- grained sporadically pebbly sandstone, calcareous cement and prominent chocolate and medium maroon claystone in the middle part
5	Upper Dharamshala	Medium to fine grained, hard, bluish grey and massive Sandstone, green clay and siltstone
6	Lower Dharamshala	Hard, grey, well bedded and high mica content sandstone

2.2.1 Dharamshala Group

The thick sequence of brackish and freshwater sediments immediately succeeding the fossiliferous marine Subathu Formation is the Dharamshala Formation. The Dharamshala Formation are widely exposed in the Mandi parautochthon, further west in the autochthon, these rocks are exposed, in the core of the Sarkaghat anticline.

This highly folded and faulted sequence of Dharamshala aggregating to about 4000 meter displays a contrasting topography with that of younger and softer Siwalik rocks. The thick, hard and highly competent Dharamshala rocks stand out as prominent ridges with higher relief.

Dharamshala Group is divided into two Formations:

Upper Dharamshala

Lower Dharamshala

2.2.1. a: Upper Dharamshala Formation

Upper Dharamshala consists of thick sequence of sandstones, siltstones and clays. The Sandstones are medium to fine grained, hard, bluish grey and massive while the clays and siltstone are usually green.

2.2.1. B: Lower Dharamshala Formation

Lower Dharamshala formation consists of very bright and red and mauve coloured clay and shales with thin bands of sandstone which are steel grey in colour, highly micaceous and well bedded.

2. 2.2 Siwalik Group

The Siwalik deposits are one of the most comprehensively studied fluvial sequences in the world. They comprise mudstones, sandstones, and coarsely bedded conglomerates laid down when the region was a vast basin during Middle Miocene, to Upper Pleistocene times. The sediments were deposited by rivers flowing southwards from the Greater Himalayas, resulting in extensive multi-ordered drainage systems. Following this deposition, the sediments were uplifted through intense tectonic regimes (commencing in Upper Miocene times), subsequently resulting in a unique topographical entity - the Siwalik Hills. The Siwaliks are divided stratigraphically into three major Subgroups - Lower, Middle, and Upper. These Subgroups are further divided into individual Formations that are all laterally and vertically exposed today in varying linear and random patterns.

Ongoing erosion and tectonic activity has greatly affected the topography of the Siwaliks. Their present-day morphology is comprised of hogback ridges, consequent, subsequent, obsequent, and resquent valleys of various orders, gullies, choes (seasonal streams), and earth-pillars, filled earth buttresses of conglomerate formations, semi-circular choe-divides, talus cones, colluvial cones, water-gaps, and choe terraces. Associated badlands features include the lack of vegetation, steep slopes, high drainage density, and rapid erosion rates.

In the advent of Neogene, a depression was formed in front of the rising mountains (Proto- Himalaya). This depression becomes a repository of a thick sequence of molassic sediments of the Siwalik. The Siwalik Group comprising conglomerates friable micaceous sandstone, siltstone and claystone.

The conglomerates in general are poorly cemented but at places they are very hard. These consist mainly of pebbles and cobbles of quartzite. The stray pebbles of granite, limestone, sandstone, breccias and lumps of claystone are also observed at places. Often the size of pebbles is large enough to be called as Boulders. The conglomerates not only occur as regular band but also as lenticular bands alternative with micaceous sandstone and clay-beds. The sediments were brought down 2 to 25 million years ago by the numerous fast flowing rivers issuing forth from rapidly Rising Mountain mass of the Himalaya, in the north.

The Siwalik Group is divisible into three sub-groups respectively the Lower, Middle and Upper on the basis of the litho-stratigraphy as given in the table (Table -4)

2. 2.2.a: Lower Siwalik: - The lower Siwalik consists essentially of a sandstone-clay alternation. In district Kangra the lower sequence of the lower Siwalik consists of medium grained sub-graywacke interbedded with thick red clay, but higher up in sequence, sandstones are coarser and clasts become more frequent while the clays are less developed. The uppermost horizon consists of conglomerate with well-rounded clasts of grey quartzite possible derived from the Shali. The total thickness is 1600 metres.

2. 2.2.b: Middle Siwalik: - The Middle Siwalik Subgroup comprises of large thickness of coarse micaceous sandstone along with some inter-beds of earthy clay and conglomerate. It normally succeeds the Lower Siwalik along a gradational contact. The sandstone is less sorted than those in Lower Siwalik. Clay beds are dull coloured and silty. The general thickness is 1400 to 2000 metres

2. 2.2.c: Upper Siwalik:-The Upper Siwalik is mainly represented by sandstone inter-bedded with silt and conglomerate. The lower portion of the Upper Siwalik mainly consists of soft, massive, pebbly sandstone with intercalations of conglomerates. In the upper portion the conglomerate intercalation is replaced by the clays intercalations. The general thickness in the district is 2300 metres.

2.2.3 Newer Alluvium

Newer Alluvium is composed of cyclic sequence of grey, micaceous, fine to coarse grained sand, silt, boulders, cobble, pebble and clays. Newer alluvium exposed as point bar/channel bars within the active channels.

2.3 Geology of the contract area

The quarry out area forms a part of the stream bed covered with boulders, cobbles, pebbles, river born bajri, and sand and clay deposit of Channel alluvium. The rocks in the catchments of Son Khad is of Upper Siwalik Formation . The area is comprising predominantly the quartzite Boulders, Sand and river born bajri of Sandstone. The boulders are white, spotted white, greenish white, pink, purple and dark green in colour

2.4 Nature of the Boulder/ Cobble/ Sand

The area lies within the regular course of the Son Khad and gets flooded in the rainy season.

All the deposit comprises quartzite, sand and fraction of granite, limestone and breccias- fragments. The boulders are white, spotted white, greenish white, pink, purple and dark green in colour. Quartzite fragments are rounded, sub- rounded and discoidal in shape having smooth surface. Their size varies from gravel to boulder.

Thickness of the deposit varies from one to three meter.

During the monsoon this bed replenishes to a large extent from the Upper Siwalik Formation rocks due to erosion by heavy flow from higher reaches. Due to sudden decrease in the carrying capacity and competency of the river the annual deposition of one to three cm is received.



Photo 3; **Showing the nature of the Boulders of the Son Khad.**

2.5 The Nature of the rock along the bank



The rocks along the left bank belong to Terrace Deposition of the Quaternary Formation consisting of boulders, cobbles, pebbles, river born bars, and sand and clay deposits. The rocks on the right bank belong to tertiary formations.

Photo 4 Rocks on right bank.



2.6 Estimate Annual Deposition of Mineral

The area being part of the River which receives annual rainfall, the mining pits will get replenished during the rainy (monsoons) season. As abundant precaution, keeping in view the variation in rainfall particularly highest rainfall, which generally causes floods, the factor of five cm annual replenishment is taken into consideration in general. The annual replenishment of the material also depends on the discharge, grade of river and geology of catchment area. However, it is generally observed that replenishment of more than five cm occurs in a year as all the old pits get filled with mineral during the very first flood of the monsoon. Hence mined out area of the pre- monsoon will be filled with mineral during monsoon and even during winter rains.

3. RESERVE ESTIMATE

3.1 General Consideration

The basic requirement of the Contractor will be stone, bajri and sand for open sale in the market.

3.2 Percentage wise distribution of Mineral:

The table below shows the percentage wise distribution of minerals and figure 9 depicts the pie chart for the same.

Table shows the percentage wise distribution of minor minerals:

Percentage of Minerals/Material in the Mining Lease Area



Figure 9 Percentage of each category of mineral present in the auctioned area.

1	Stone	40%
2	Gravel / Bajri	35%
3	Sand, silt & clay	25%

3.3 Estimate of Geological Reserve

The entire block falls within the River corridor. Thus, the mining Contract area of 4750 square metres can be considered for estimation of geological Deposit. The estimated thickness of deposit is more than 5 metres. However, considering its depth for purpose of estimation of Geological reserves to a depth five metres and specific gravity to be 2.25, the Geological deposits in the area are to a tune of about 198832, metric tons as shown in the chart below.

Geological Reserves

Geological Reserves	Thickness, in metres	Contract Area (Square Metres)	Reserves Rounded off (In tonnes)
Proved	5	17674	198800
Specific Gravity 2.25			

Formula = Surface area X thickness/depth X specific gravity = Reserves

3.4 Estimate of Mineable reserves of boulders, Bajri and Sand

The basic requirement of the Contractor is sand, stone and bajri. Hence, the applicants intend to mine sand, stone and bajri and it will be picked up by hand shoveling and loaded in tractor trolleys for transportation to the market/construction sites for sale. As per the policy guidelines issued by the State Government for Mining of River / River bed and to calculate the mineable reserve the following points are taken into consideration:

Adequate safe distance has been provided from the points of utilities as per Rules and guidelines.

As per the policy guidelines issued by the State Government for Mining of River / River bed,

- ✓ In this case only one-meter area is proposed as safety zone as the depth of mining is constrained to one metre.
- ✓ Mining is not permitted within 1/10th of riverbed or 5 meters from the banks (HFL) of the river / River whichever is higher. The width of the River in Contract area is 80 to 130 meters; thus, no mining is proposed in the area up to 8 to 13 meters from the banks.
- ✓ The water table level will go down as the water recedes after the monsoons.
- ✓ The depth of water table will be at lowest in the pre-monsoon season.
- ✓ A geological map on 1:2000 scale is prepared and main litho units were marked on the plan to know the surface spread of each unit.



✓ The entire width of the river gets flooded during heavy rains in monsoons. The mined area gets replenished in the very early floods in the beginning of the monsoon season.

The total mineable area and deposit is shown in figure 12, table 7 and figures 13.

- The whole area is mineable as it falls beyond the safety zone along the banks.
- After providing safety belt of one metre along the periphery of the auctioned area, places of public utilities and for banks only 14800 square metres of area is available for mining out of 17674 square metres as shown in table 7.

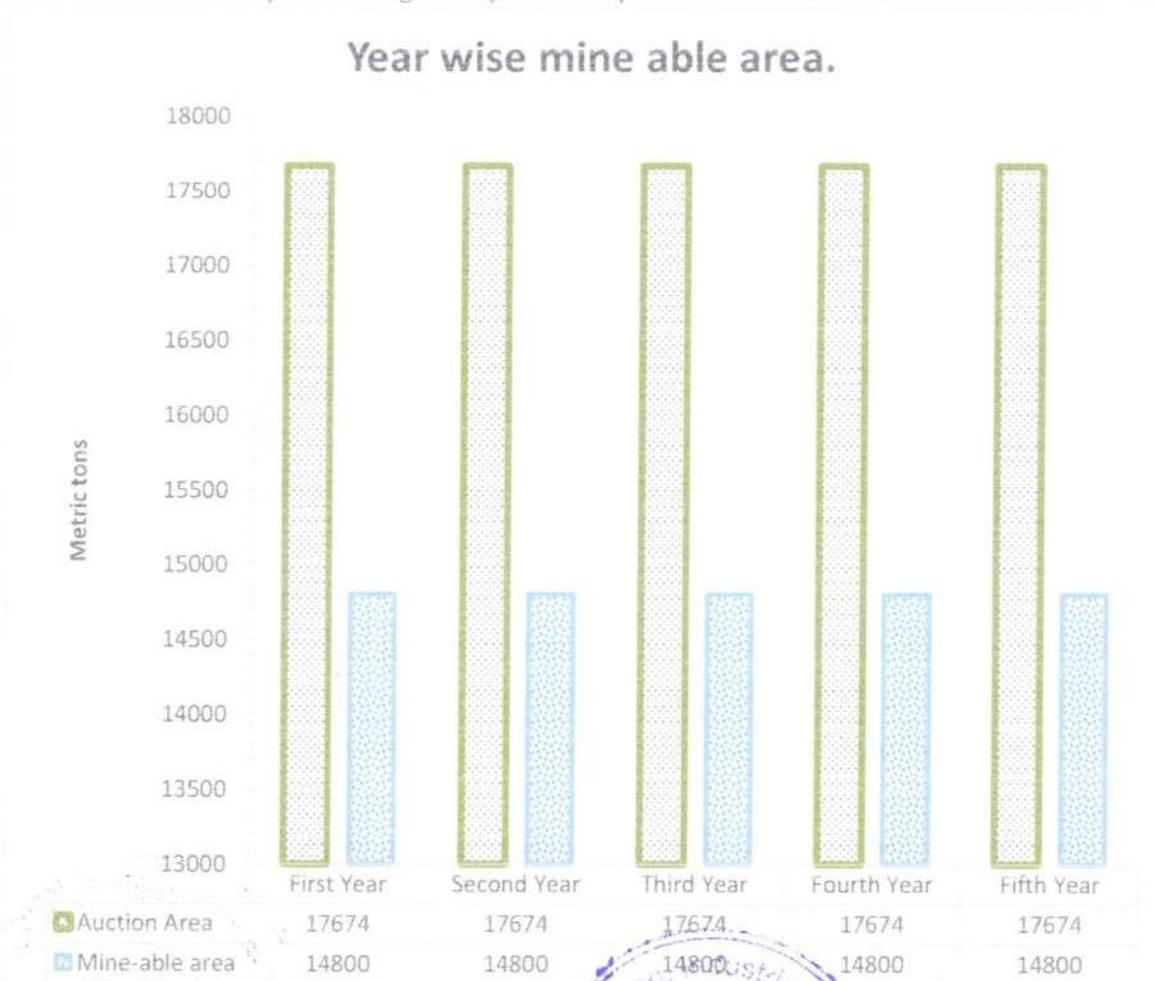


Figure 10: Mineable area.

Table 7 Mineable reserves in the block

Contract Area Sq. metres	Mineable Area Sq. Metres	Stone	Gravel /Bajrj	Sand Silt & Clay	Total
17674	14800	13320	11655	8325	33300

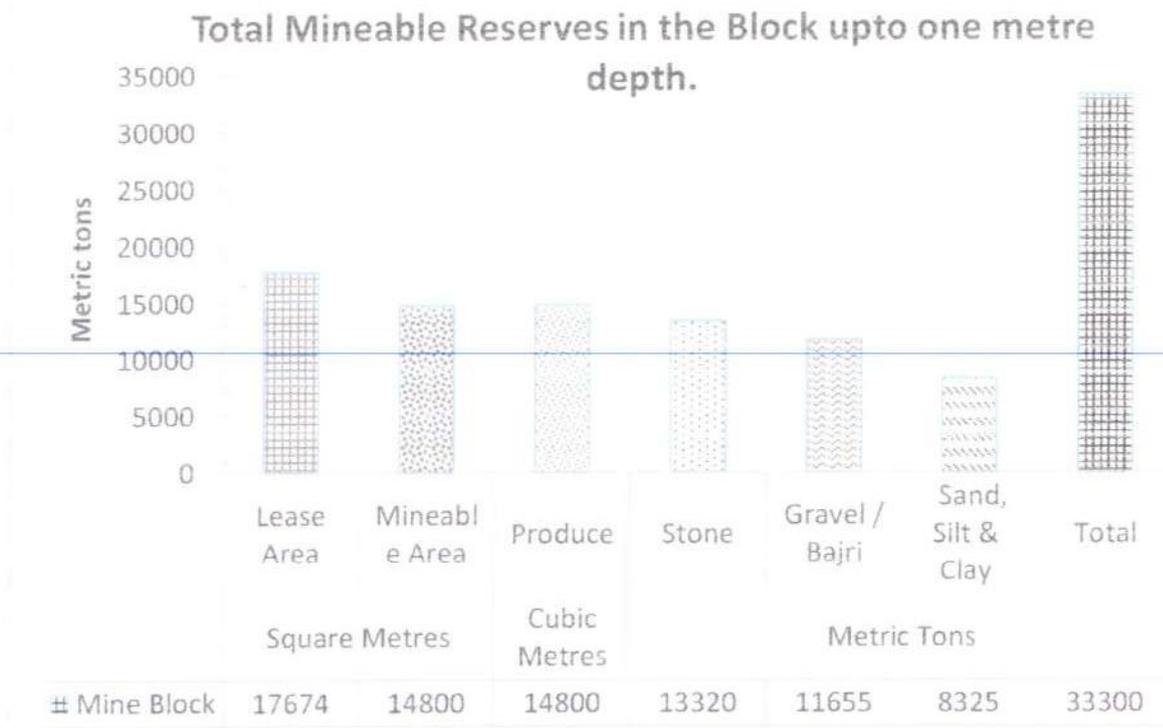


Figure 11: Mineable Reserve up to One Metre depth

Thus, the safe mine-able block of 14800 square metres contains 33300 tonnes of mineable material. The entire mineable block will be mined every year.

3.4a Depth of mining

The Rule 34 (IV) of Rules stipulates 'the depth of mining in the river bed shall not exceed one metre or water level whichever is less'.

One metre **maximum** depth from the surface is considered for mining of the reserve.

3.4b. Specific Gravity

The specific gravity of Quartzite is 2.65 and of sand is 1.85. Hence average specific gravity of 2.25 is taken for calculation of the deposit.

3.5. Estimate of Annual deposition

The reserves of all the constituents of auctioned block have been calculated for the safe mine-able area to be 14800 metric tonnes, considering the specific gravity as 2.25 as shown in para 3.6. The reserves have been calculated for year of mining, computing mine-able deposit up to maximum permissible quarry depth of one metre are depicted in figure13. *Depending upon normal rainfall from year to year causing erosion in the catchments and flooding of River bed, the minerals are inexhaustible, but presently these deposits are part of Geological Formations of catchments.*

Figure 14 shows the proposed production of materials in five years.



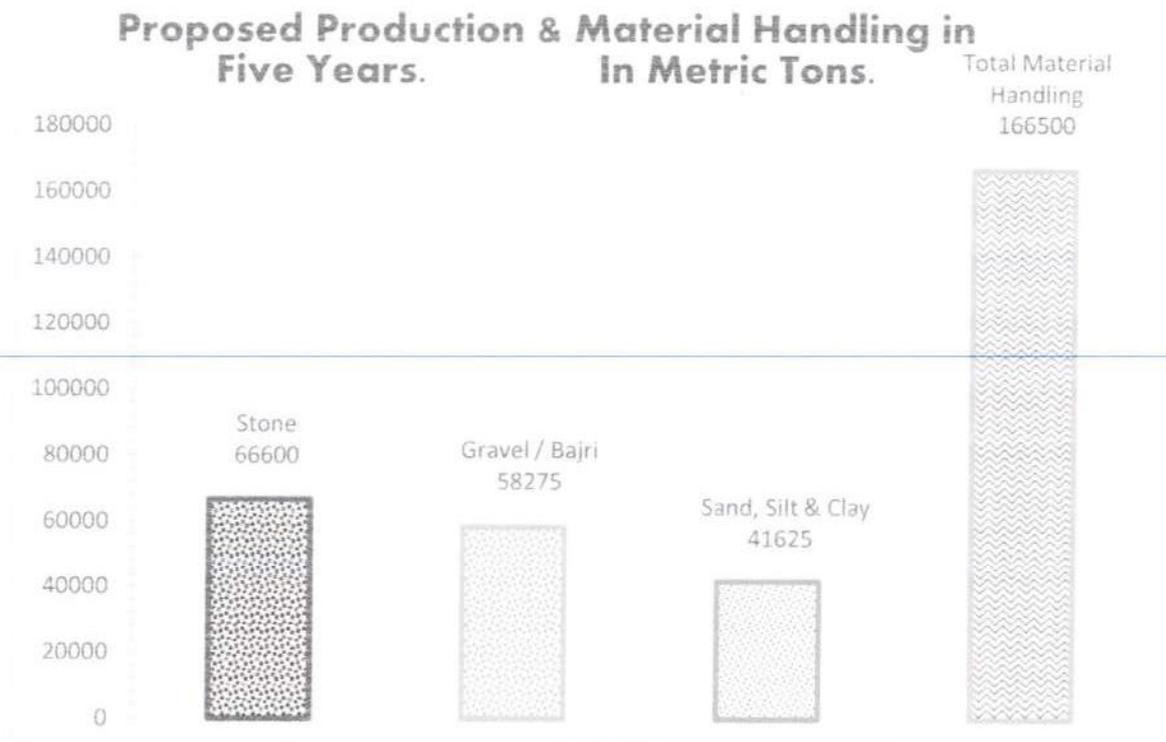


Figure 12: Proposed production of total material in five years

4 MINE DEVELOPMENT AND PLAN OF PROGRESSIVE MINING

The mining / collection of minerals shall involve shoveling by simple hand-tool, manual sorting / picking and stacking in the form of dumps at site and loading into truck / tractors-trailers for transporting them to market.

Considerations

- No blasting is required.
- Only manual extraction of sand will be undertaken.
- Trenches and pits for the mining purposes shall be made in such a way so that these are not deeper than one metre and follow the general / normal channel direction of the River and bottom is above the water table.
- With the replenishment of the pits and trenches during the floods, the process of controlled mining can continue year after year. The erosion and weathering of rocks in the catchments have inexhaustible supply of required minerals.
- Mining activity will be undertaken only during the dry seasons and dry parts of the river.

4.1 Development and Production Programme for 5 years

The proposed production for the first five year is as given in the figure 13 and Table 6 below show the production of Minerals in five years.

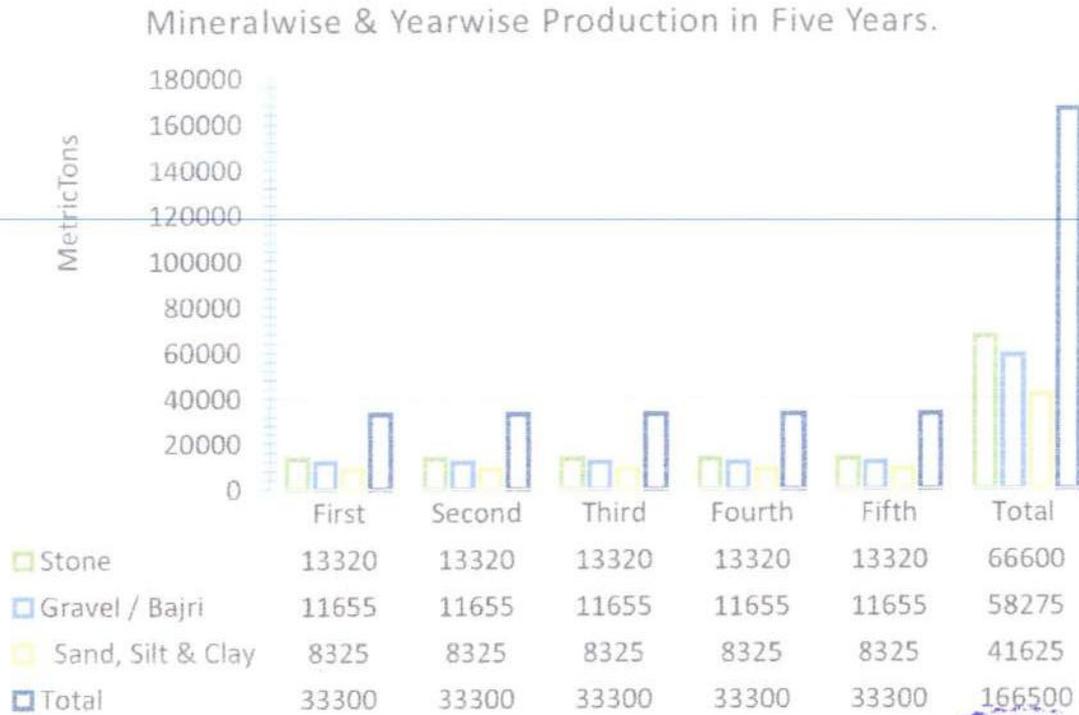


Figure 13: Year wise Availability of Materials (in Metric tons).

4.1a Year wise Production

Table 4 Year wise production of materials.

Year	Stone	Gravel / Bajri	Sand, Silt & Clay	Total
First	13320	11655	8325	33300
Second	13320	11655	8325	33300
Third	13320	11655	8325	33300
Fourth	12690	11105	7930	31725
Fifth	13320	11655	8325	33300
Total	65970	57725	41230	164925

The proposed production is sufficient to for sustaining a viable mining project. The year wise mine working planned for the Quarry is presented in the map 3. Year wise production of River Borne Material, sand stone and bajri is given in figures 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18.



4.2.a Development and Production at end of first Year.

- ✓ Mining of 33300 tonnes of material is proposed to be mined from 14800 square meters of safe mining area in 17674 square metres of auctioned block.
 - 13320 metric tons of stone and 11655 metric tons of bajri will be produced and sold in open market.
 - 8325 metric tons of sand with inseparable silt & clay will be produced and sold in open market depending upon demand.
 - ▶ The Contract Area falls within the river corridor hence no plantation can be undertaken.
 - ▶ The entire Contract Area falls within the river corridor, moreover retaining walls already exist on the left bank and *in situ* rocks form the right bank, therefore no retaining walls are proposed.

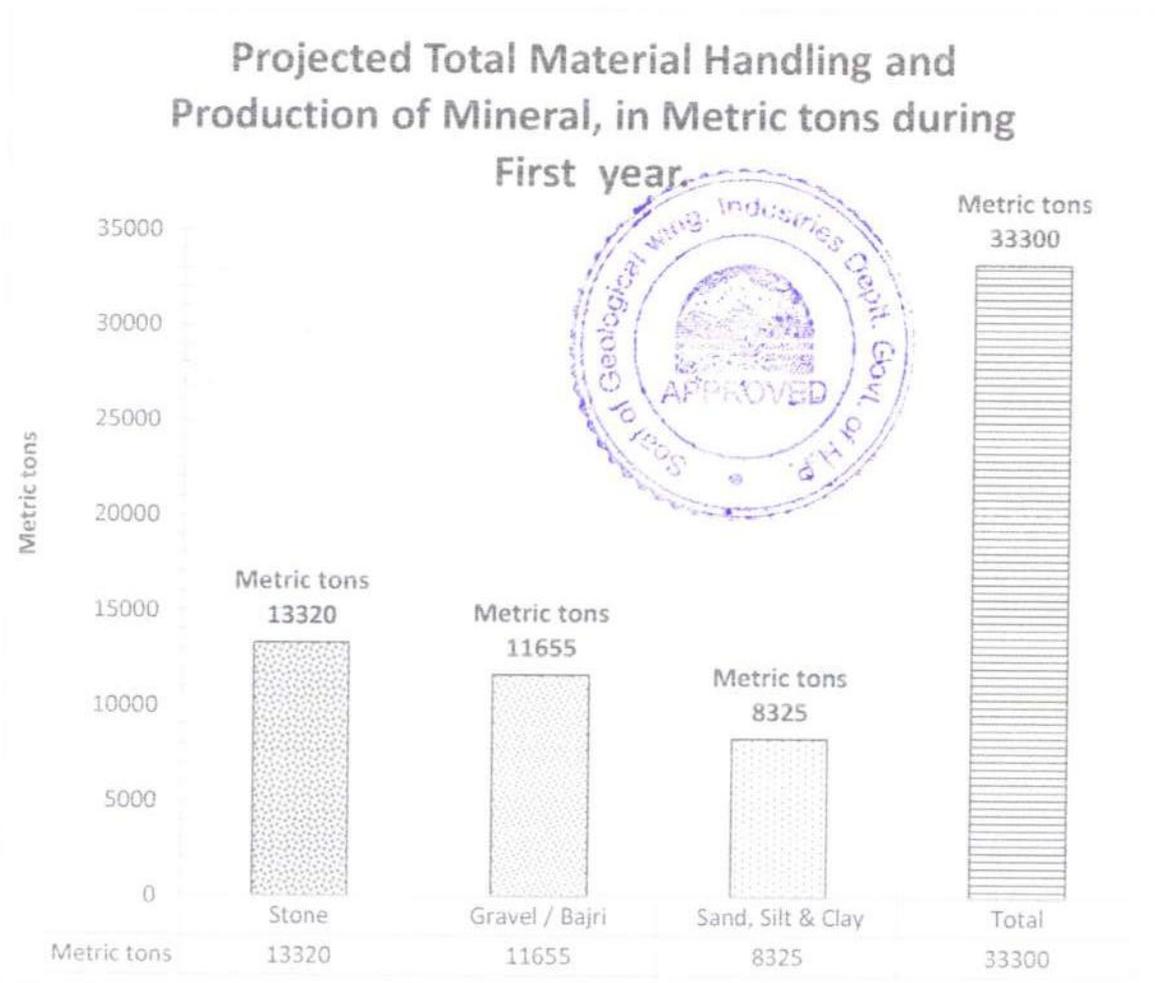


Figure 14- Proposed Production and Material Handling in the First Year of Mining.

4.2. b Development and Production at end of second Year.

During 2nd year of development and production programme:

- ✓ Mining of 33300 tonnes of material is proposed to be mined from 14800 square meters of safe mining area in 17674 square metres of auctioned block.
 - 13320 metric tons of stone and 11655 metric tons of bajri will be produced and sold in open market.
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Figure 15- Proposed Production and Material Handling in the second Year of Mining.

4.2 c Development and Production at end of third Year.

During 3rd year of development and production programme:

- ✓ Mining of 33300 tonnes of material is proposed to be mined from 14800 square meters of safe mining area in 17674 square metres of auctioned block.
 - 13320 metric tons of stone and 11655 metric tons of bajri will be produced and sold in open market.
 - 8325 metric tons of sand with inseparable silt & clay will be produced and sold in open market depending upon demand.
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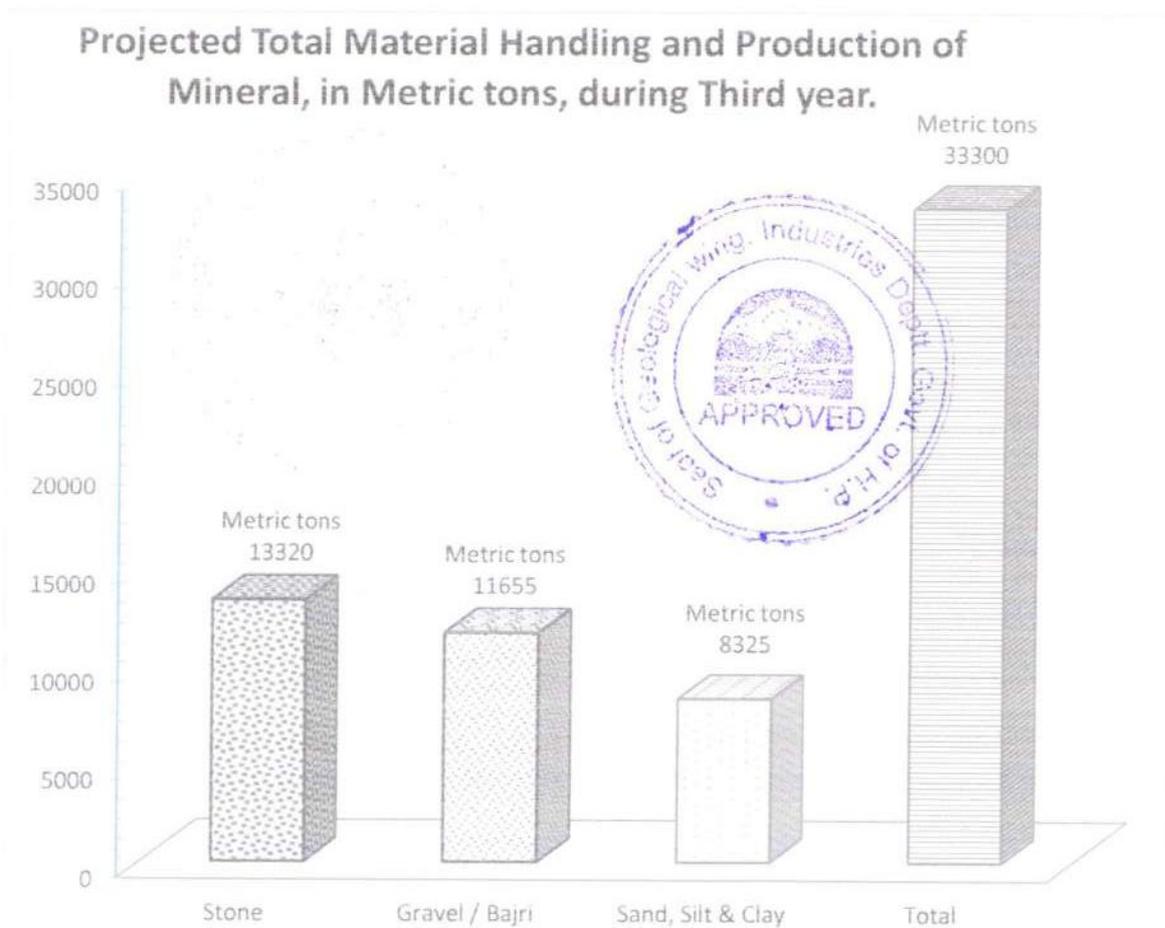


Figure 16- Proposed Production and Material Handling in the Third Year of Mining.

4.2 d Development and Production at end of fourth Year.

During 4th year of development and production programme:

- ✓ Mining of 33300 tonnes of material is proposed to be mined from 14800 square meters of safe mining area in 17674 square metres of auctioned block.
 - 13320 metric tons of stone and 11655 metric tons of bajri will be produced and sold in open market.
 - 8325 metric tons of sand with inseparable silt & clay will be produced and sold in open market depending upon demand.
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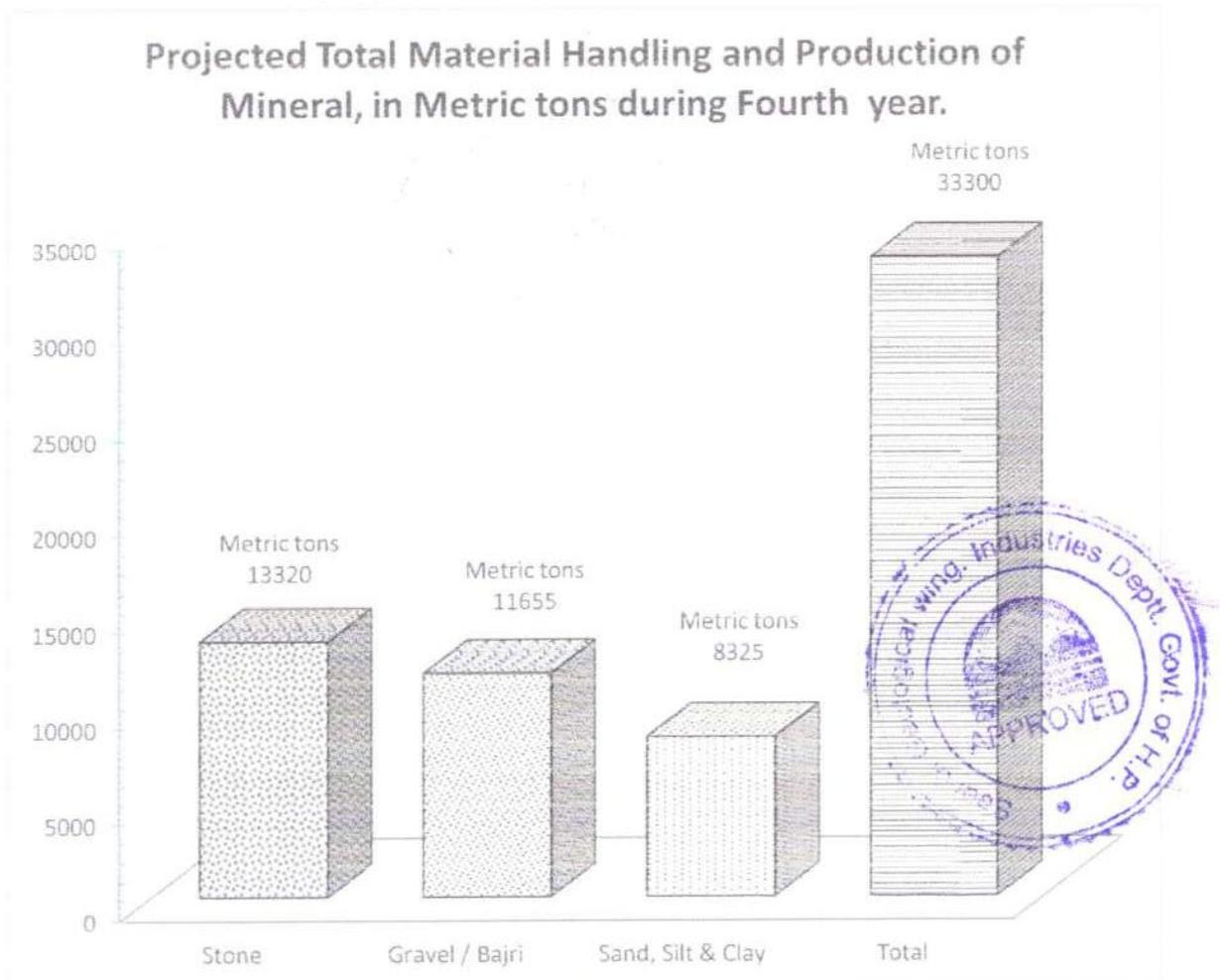


Figure 17- Proposed Production and Material Handling in the Fourth Year of Mining.

4.2 e Development and Production at end of fifth Year.

During 5th year of development and production programme:

- ✓ Mining of 33300 tonnes of material is proposed to be mined from 14800 square meters of safe mining area in 17674 square metres of auctioned block.
 - 13320 metric tons of stone and 11655 metric tons of bajri will be produced and sold in open market.
 - 8325 metric tons of sand with inseparable silt & clay will be produced and sold in open market depending upon demand.
- ▶ The Contract Area falls within the river corridor hence no plantation can be undertaken.
- ▶ The entire Contract Area falls within the river corridor, moreover, retaining walls already exist on the left bank and *in situ* rocks form the right bank, therefore no retaining walls are proposed.



Figure 18- Proposed Production and Material Handling in the Fifth Year of Mining.

4.3 End Use of Mineral

The extracted mineral stone, sand and Bajri for will be sold at pit mouth or F.O.R. to the consumers.

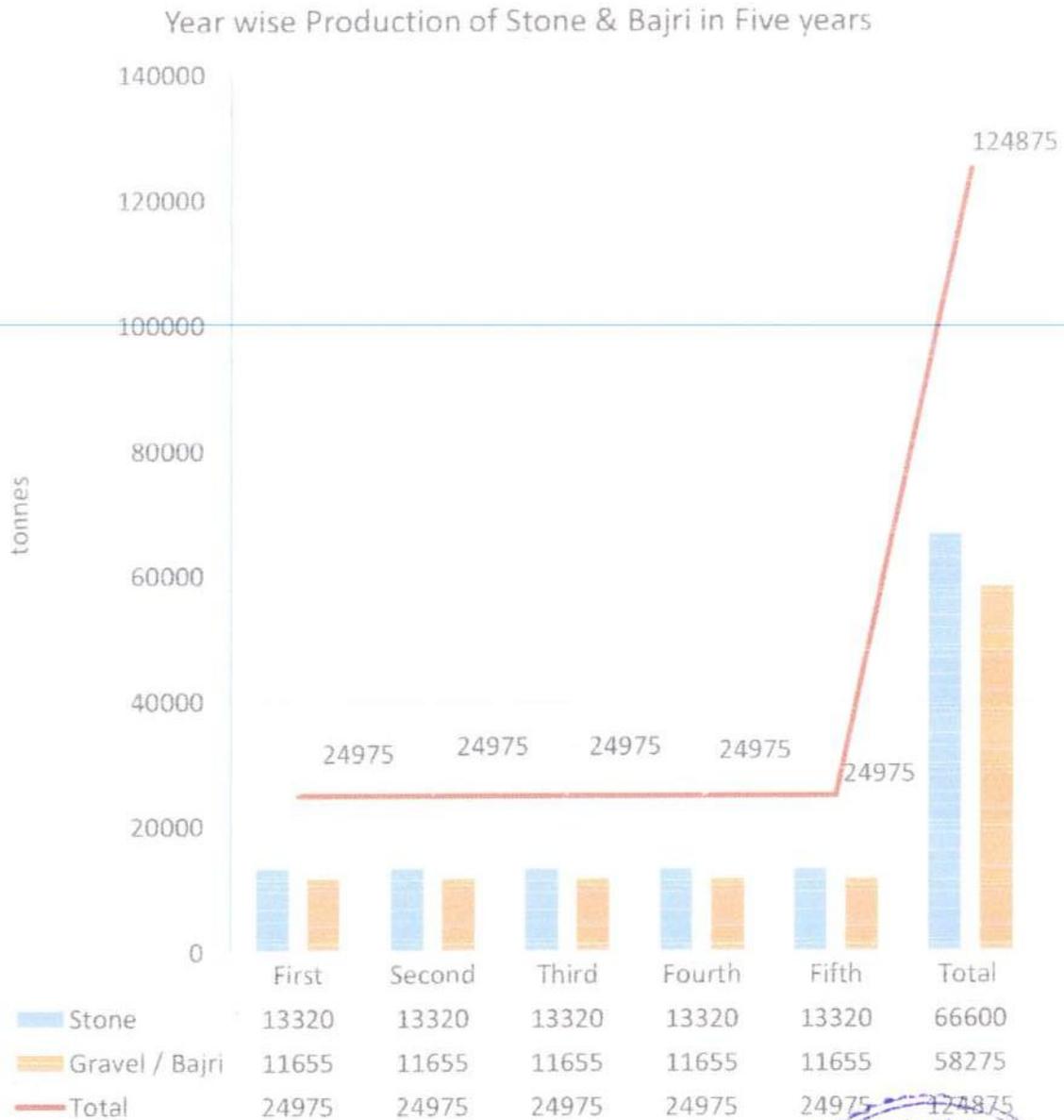


Figure 19: Year wise production of Stone, and Bajri.

4.4 Detail of road Transport

The maximum total extraction of minerals stone, sand and bajri for market sale would be 11812 metric tons or 44 metric tons per day, considering 270 working dry days. Thus, about five tipper truck trips would be required to move the material from quarry to Market. The track through River is about 100 metres from the Contract area to roadside. The evacuation route is shown in figure 20.





Figure 20. Evacuation route Map

PART II

1. Environment Management

1.0 Introduction

Any development activity, including mining, is likely to have adverse as well as beneficial impact on existing environment. The various environmental parameters generally impacted are as given below: -

- Change in Topography & land use pattern.
- Effect on Flora & Fauna
- Ground Vibrations and Fly Rocks.
- Effect on Hydrology
- Effect on Climate
 - Temperature
 - Rainfall
 - Wind Speed
- Air Quality
- Noise level
- Visual Impact
- Socio- economic Impact
- Accumulation of Scree
 - Mine Waste.

Base Line Data

General

Base Line Information

The base line information of the existing environment was collected from various sources such as

- ✓ Census Department, Government of India.
- ✓ Department of Economics and Statistics, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Directorate of Land Records, Government of Himachal Pradesh
- ✓ Directorate of Horticulture, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Fishery Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Forest Department Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Animal Husbandry Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Survey of India, Government of India.
- ✓ Metrological Department Government of India.

to have in depth understanding of the existing environment and to assess the likely impact of mining activity in the Area.

1.2. Demography of the area

The total population of the surrounding area, as per the 2011 Census is given below in the figure 21. Education wise and employment wise break of population in surrounding villages is given in figure 22. The population details of Mandi District and tehsil Dharampur are given in figure 23.



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Figure 21; Population of the villages of the zone of influence.

Working Categorisation of Population of surrounding villages of lease area, Tehsil Dharampur, District Mandi - (Census 2011).

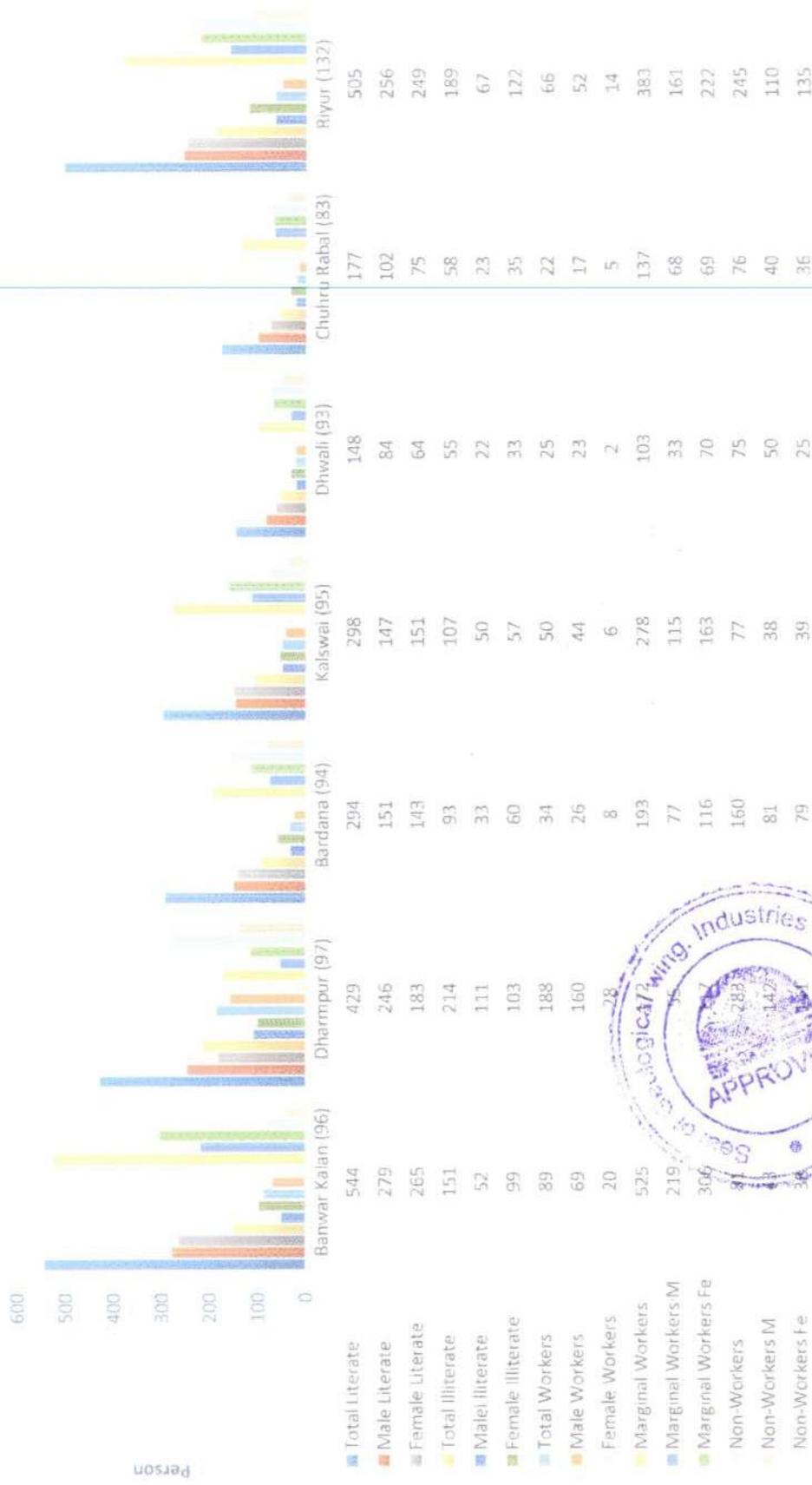


Figure 22: Break up of Literacy and Employment of Population in Surrounding Villages (Census 2011).

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Population Break up of Tehsil Dharampur & District Mandi - (Census 2011).



Figure 23: Population break up of Tehsil Dharampur and of District Mandi (Census 2011).

1.2 Socio-Economy of the villages.

Agriculture is the main occupation of the people of the Area. About 67 percent of population directly depends on agriculture for their livelihood. Due to hilly terrain, terraced cultivation is prevalent in the area. Small and marginal farmers predominate. The marginal farmers hardly earn enough to make the ends meet. They work part time as farm labour or in Government departments. There is high rate of migration from these villages for want of employment locally.

Pie chart showing Percentage of literate and illiterate POPULATION in the area Surrounding mine area.

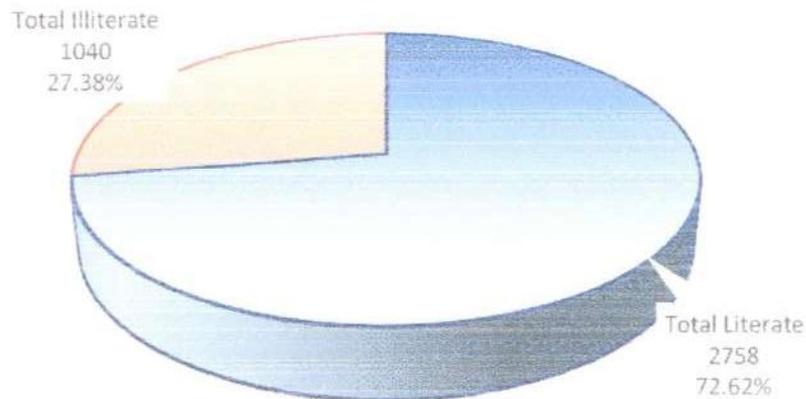


Figure 24 Literacy rate in adjoining villages.

Pie Chart showing Workers, Marginal Workers and Non-workers(unemployed) in the villages surrounding the Mining Lease Area.

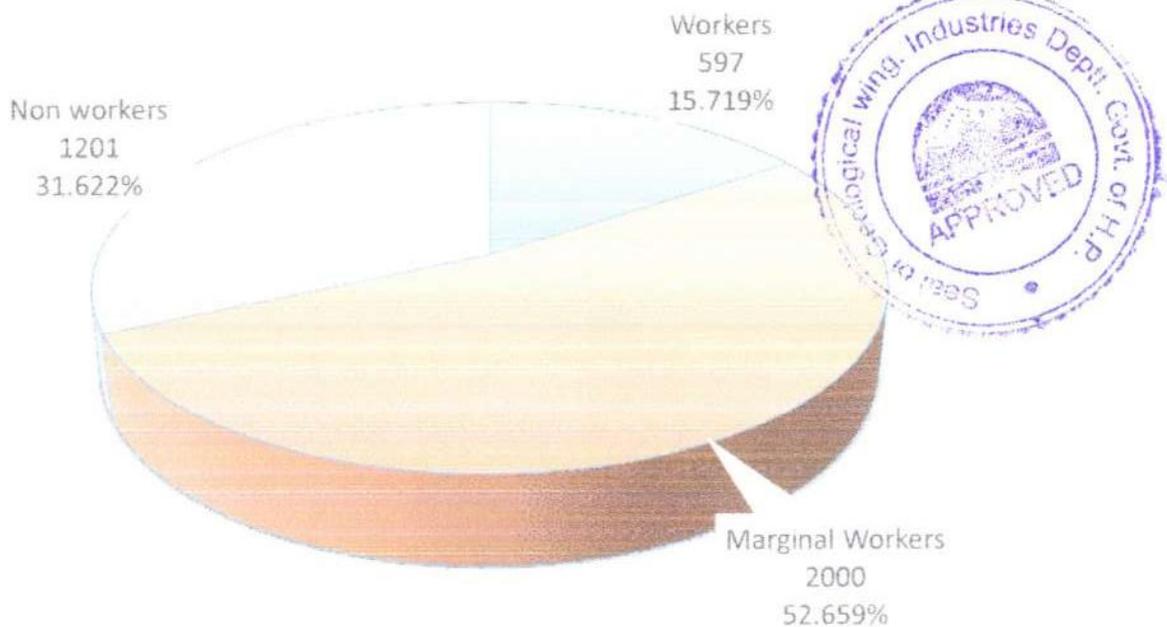


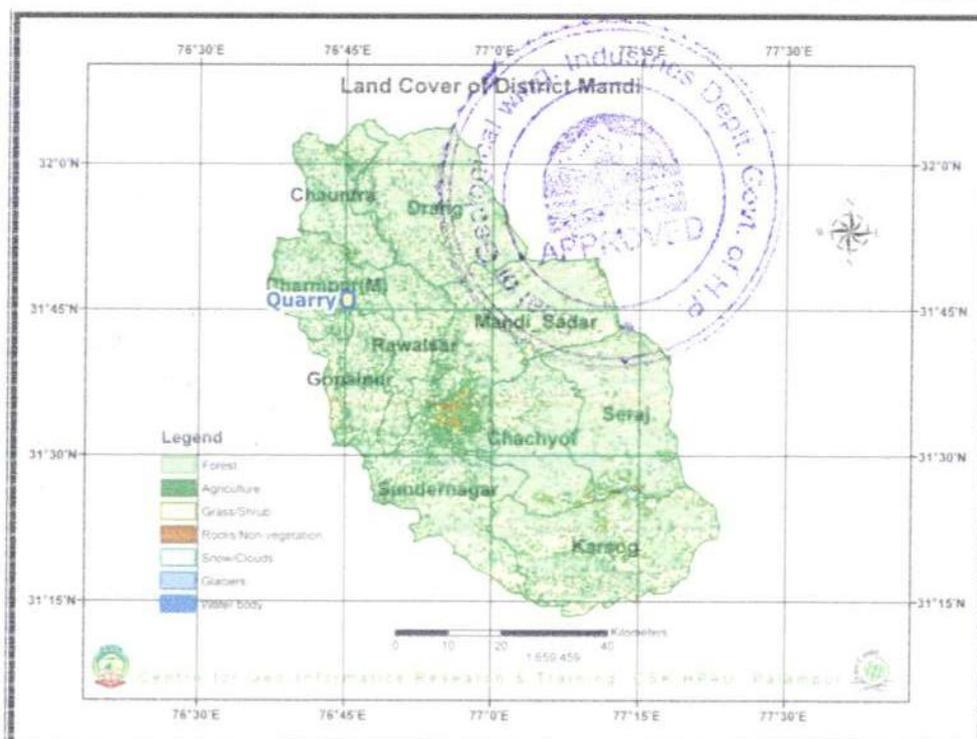
Figure 25 Employment percentage in adjoining villages.

- The figure 24 & 25 depict that though 72.62 percent population is literate but only 15.719 % population has full time employment and 52.659 % are marginally employed.
- Thus, the mining project in the area have various positive impacts in the area. The mining project and *its downstream* projects of transportation and construction activity provide work to as many as 20 persons directly. Considered their total minimum earning per day to a tune of Rs. 8000 per day (@Rs.400/= per person per day), the area gets a supplementation in its financial and social wellbeing.

1.3. Land Use Pattern

- The land use pattern of the district is depicted in figure 26.

1) Forest Area.	2) Area under Non-Agricultural Uses
3) Barren & Un-cultivable Land.	4) Permanent Pastures and Other Grazing Land.
5) Land Under Miscellaneous Tree Crops etc	6) Culturable Waste Land.
7) Fallows Land other than Current Fallows.	8) Current Fallows.
9) Net Area Sown	



- Figure 26: Showing General Land Use Pattern of the District Mandi.
 - The general land use and land cover of the Buffer zone of Five kilometres radius is depicted in figure 27.

Land Cover & Land Use Map of Buffer Zone Five Kilometres Radius

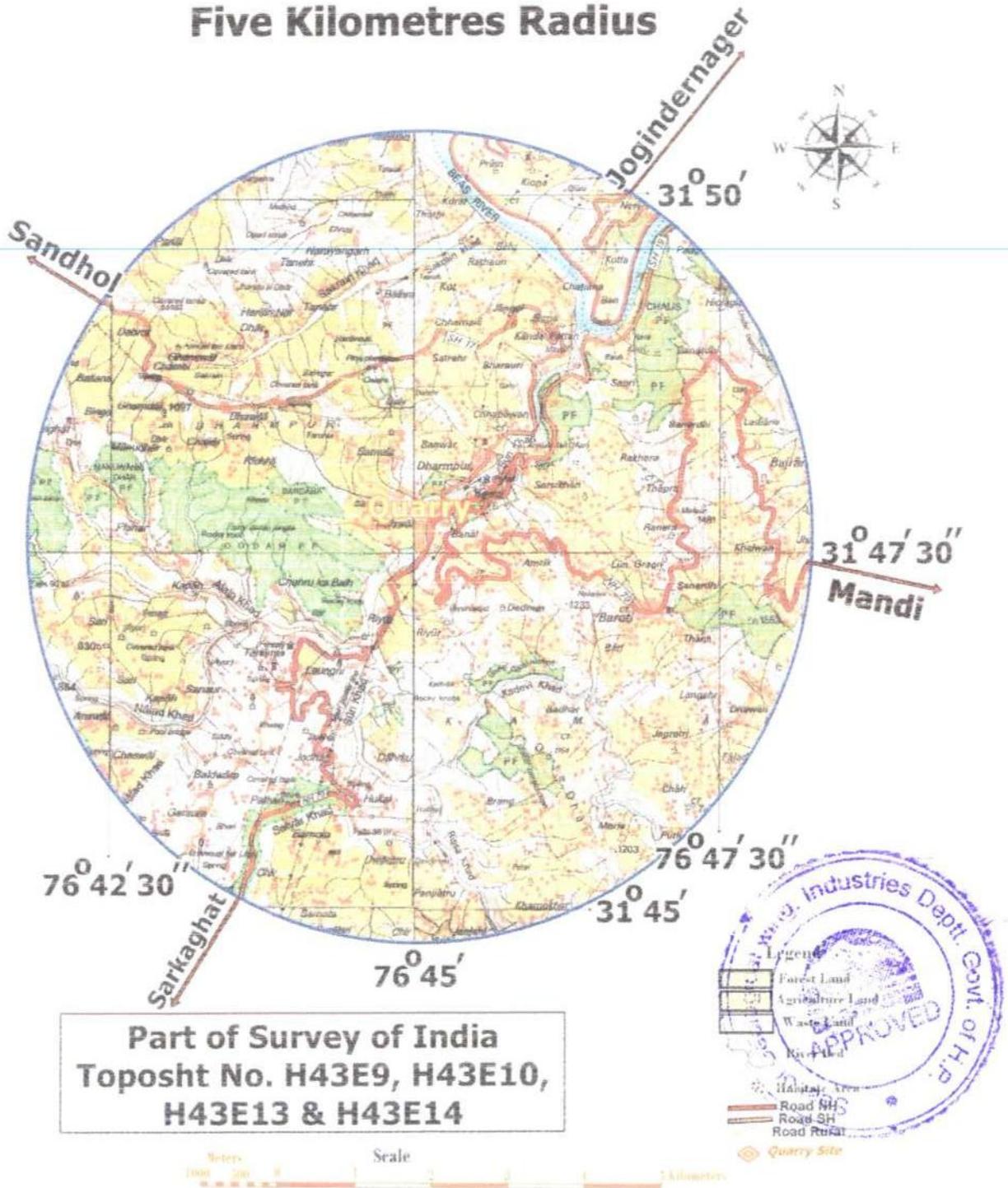


Figure 27: Showing the Five kms Radius Buffer zone.

- The villages surrounding the mining contract area are included in the study of Land use and land cover pattern is given figure 28.

The data of villages surrounding the mining contract area falling in tehsil Dharampur, are considered for study and data is given in figure 29.

Land Use Pattern of Villages
Around Mining Lease Area
(Census 2011).

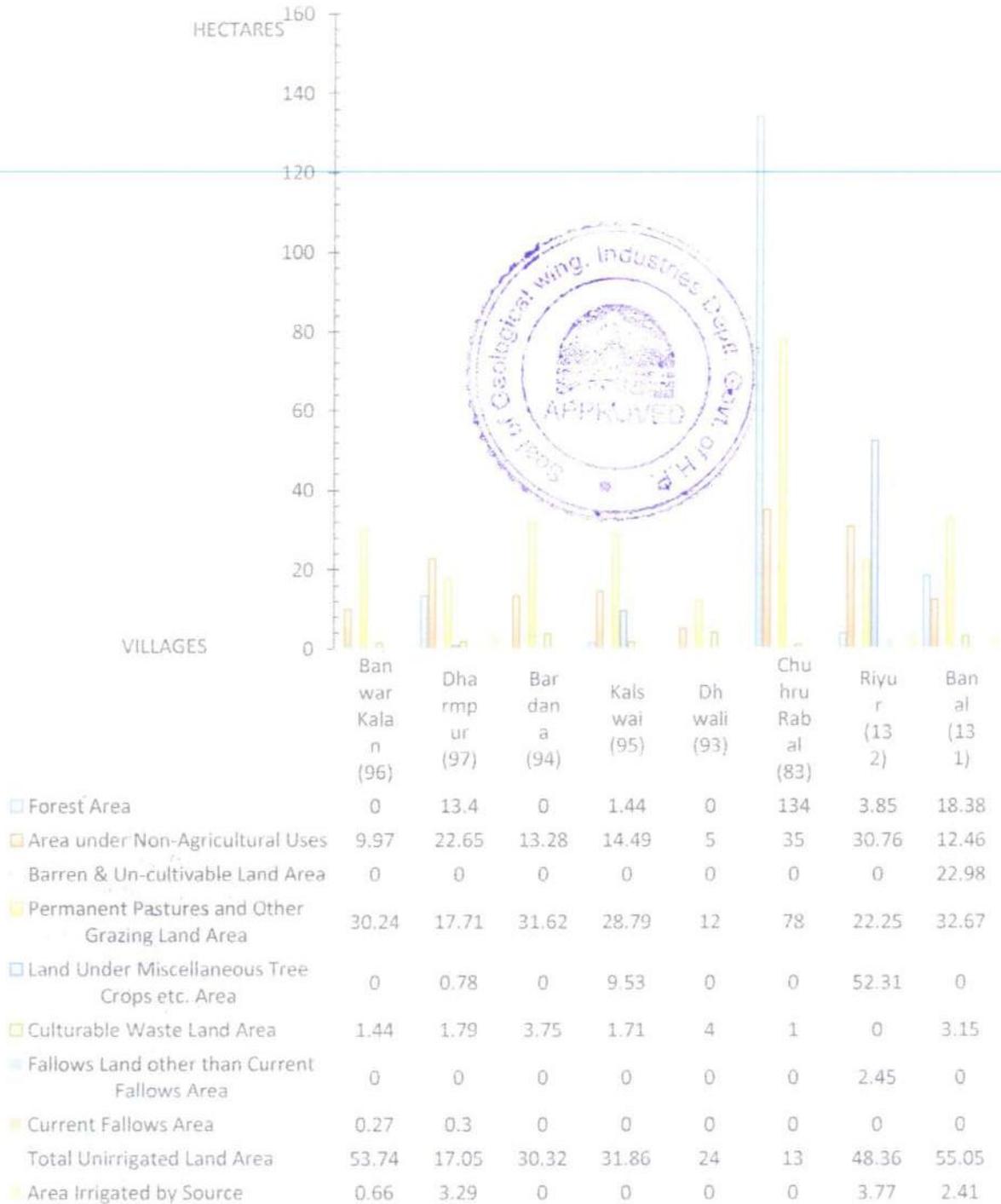


Figure 28: Showing Land Use Pattern of villages around the mining contract area.

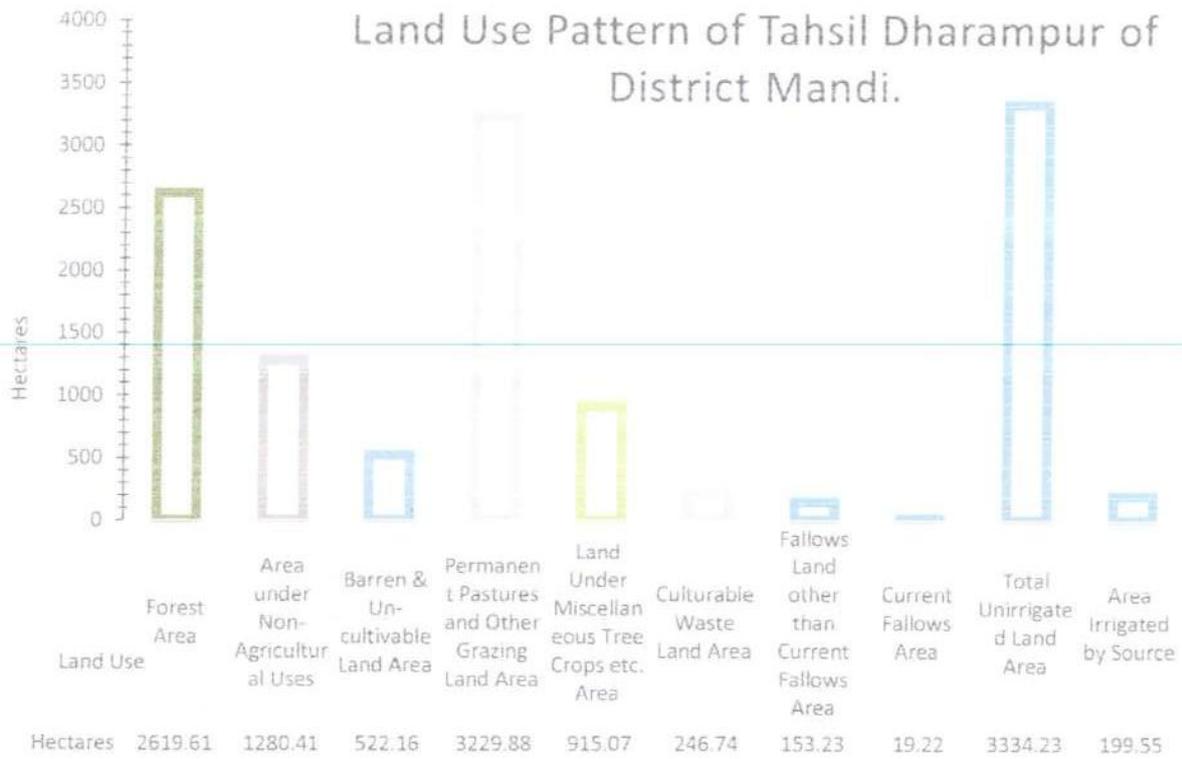


Figure 29 land use Pattern of Dharampur Tehsil.

Land Utilisation Pattern in District Mandi 2017-18.

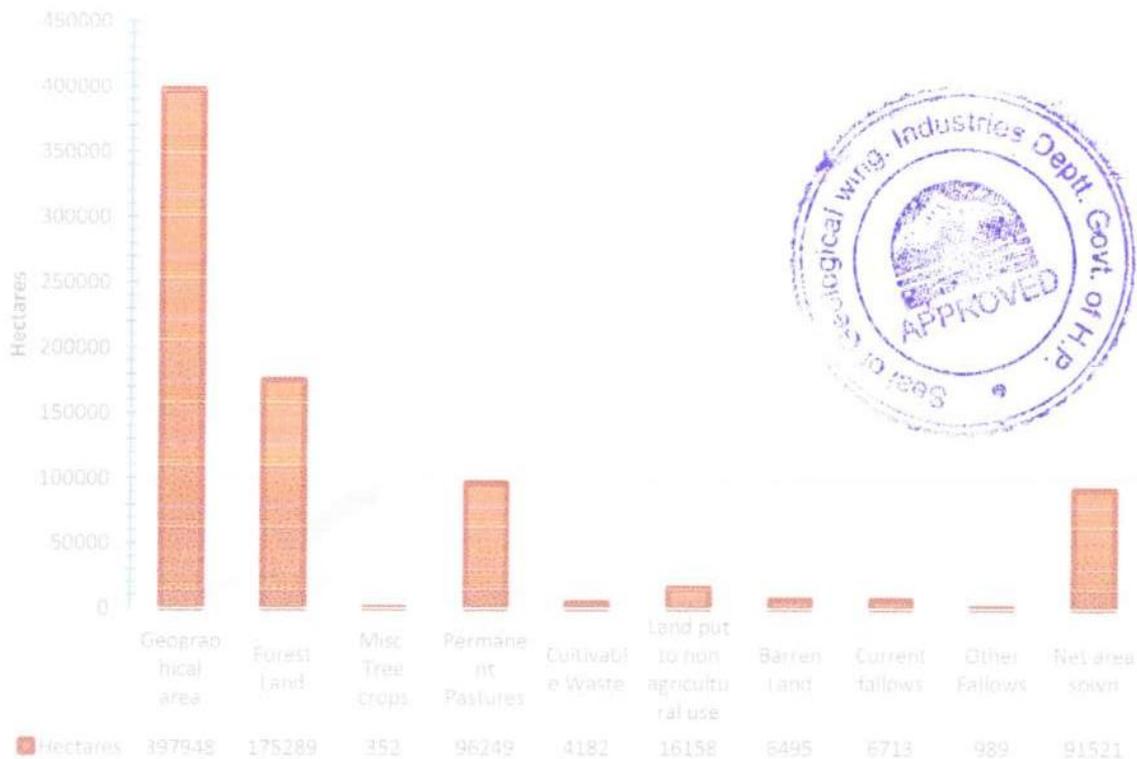


Figure 30: Land Use Pattern of District Mandi.

1.4 AGRICULTURE: -

The economy of Mandi district is predominately agrarian as around 80 per cent of the total population is dependent on agriculture and activities allied to it for earning their livelihood. The moisture retention capacity of the area is poor due mainly to the fact the bed rocks are argillaceous and the land the uneven. The crops usually face moisture stress during the remaining period of the year due to inadequate and irregular rainfall. The irrigation facilities are provided by lifting water from steams, shallow dug wells and medium to deep tube wells in the valley area.

The source of water and irrigation in district Mandi can be classified into following five classes

- Lift Irrigation Scheme,
- Kuhls,
- Well used for domestic purposes,
- Well used for irrigation,
- Tube wells/

Major food crops are grouped into three categories:

- Cereals,
- Pulses,
- Other food crops like Chillies, ginger, sugarcane and turmeric.
- Non- food crop area is of two kinds:
- Oil seeds,
- Other non-food crops such as cotton, tobacco and fodder crop,

The area under each category of the crop is given below in figure: -31.

Figure: -32 show production of agriculture produces in district Mandi.

The area under vegetables and their production is given in the figure: -33.

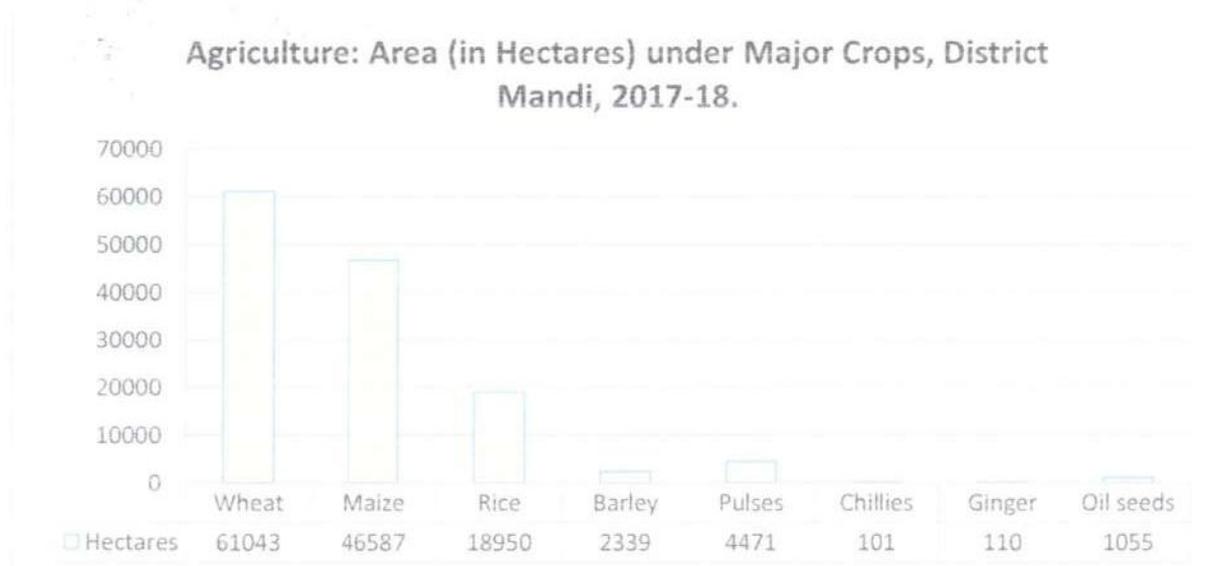


Figure 31: : Showing area under different crops in Mandi District.

Agriculture: Production (in Metric tons) of Major Crops, District Mandi, 2017-18.



Figure 32 Showing production of each crop in District Mandi.

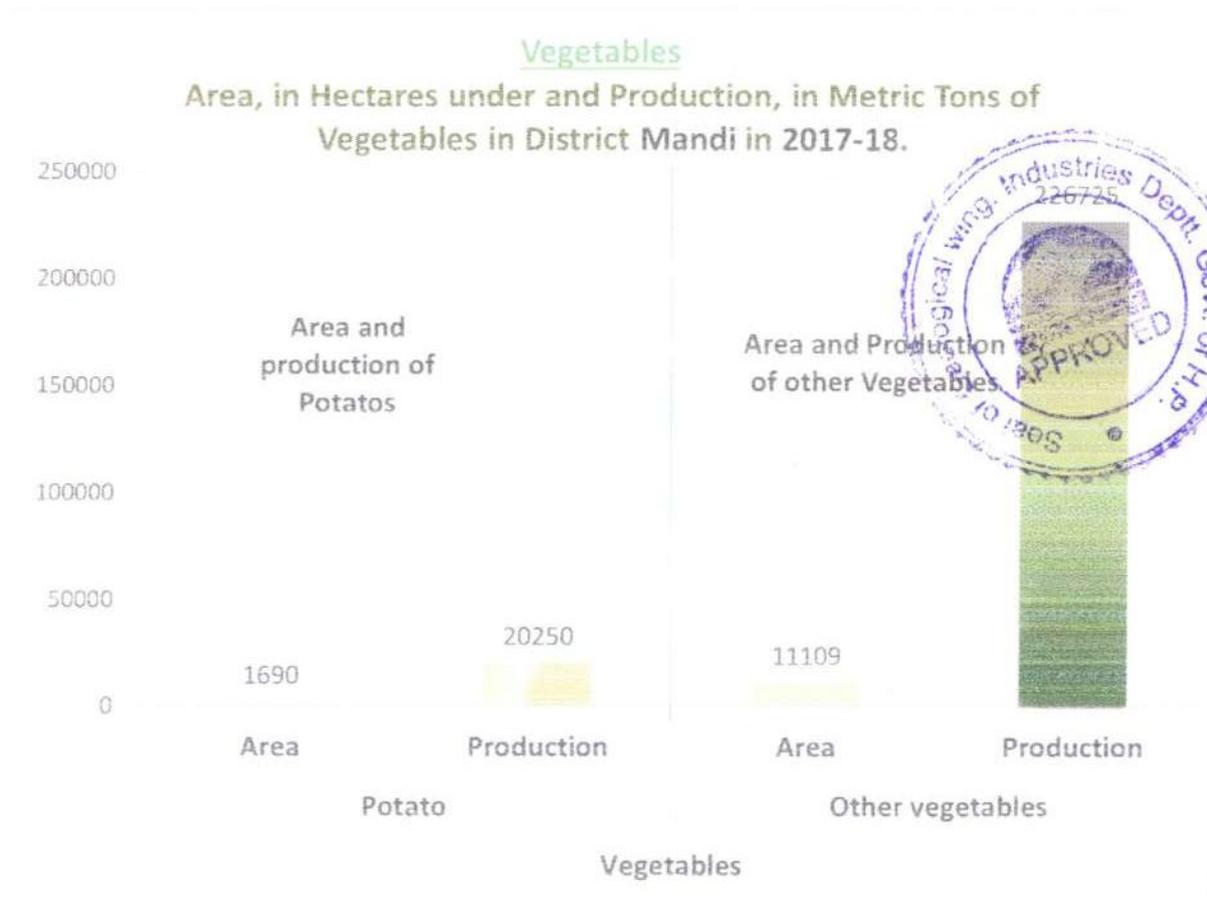


Figure 33: Showing area under vegetable, in Hectare and Production, in Metric tons, of District Mandi.

1.5 HORTICULTURE: -

The topography and the agro- climatic conditions of the district are quite suitable for the production of the various fruits. The topography of the district can be grouped into three categories namely high hill areas located at a higher elevation, mid hill areas and low lying valley areas. Fruits of various kinds depending upon the terrain, climatic condition and soil are grown in the district.

The main horticulture produce of the area can be classified into following five categories.

1. Apple
2. Other temperate fruits
3. Subtropical fruits
4. Nuts and dry fruits
5. Citrus fruits

The area under each fruit as well as the production of each fruit in district Mandi are shown in Table 3 as per 2013- 2014 survey.

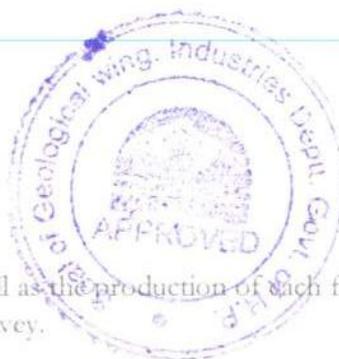


Table 5; Area under each fruit and their production in District Mandi.

Status of Horticulture District Mandi.2017-18		
Fruit	Area (In Hectares)	Production (In Metric Tons)
Apple	16638	42078
Plum	2862	736
Peach	785	440
Apricot	289	290
Pear	1787	1210
Cherry	25	6
Green Almonds	0	0
Persimmon	247	88
Olive	8	5
Kiwi	29	17
Strawberry	2	0
O T F	6034	2792

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Almonds	1515	280
Walnut	1059	131
Piccanut	397	19
Nuts & Dry Fruits	2971	430
Orange	748	253
Malta	27	0
K. Lime	3047	239
Galgal	545	349
Others	3	0
Citrus	4370	841
Mango	4962	1750
Litchi	531	756
Gauva	987	288
Papaya	25	28
Loquat	4	0
Anala	152	69
Grapes	2	0
p-grnate	479	196
Jackfruit	180	38
Others	8	17
O S T F	7036	3348



1.6 Animal Husbandry

Economy of the district is predominantly agrarian but role of Animal Husbandry is equally important as the farmers have to keep the cattle for the purpose of ploughing the land and to obtain manure for maintaining fertility of the fields and to meet daily need of milk of their family.

The total population of the livestock in District Mandi is given in the figure: -34. The population of the Buffaloes and Cattle in District Mandi is given in the figure: -35.

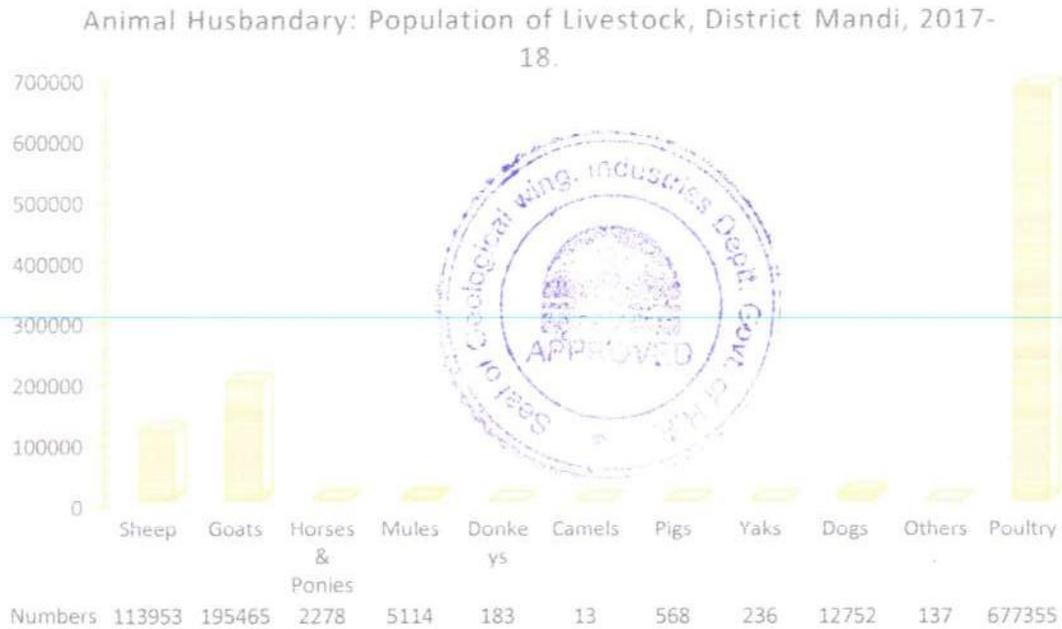


Figure 34: Livestock population of District Mandi.

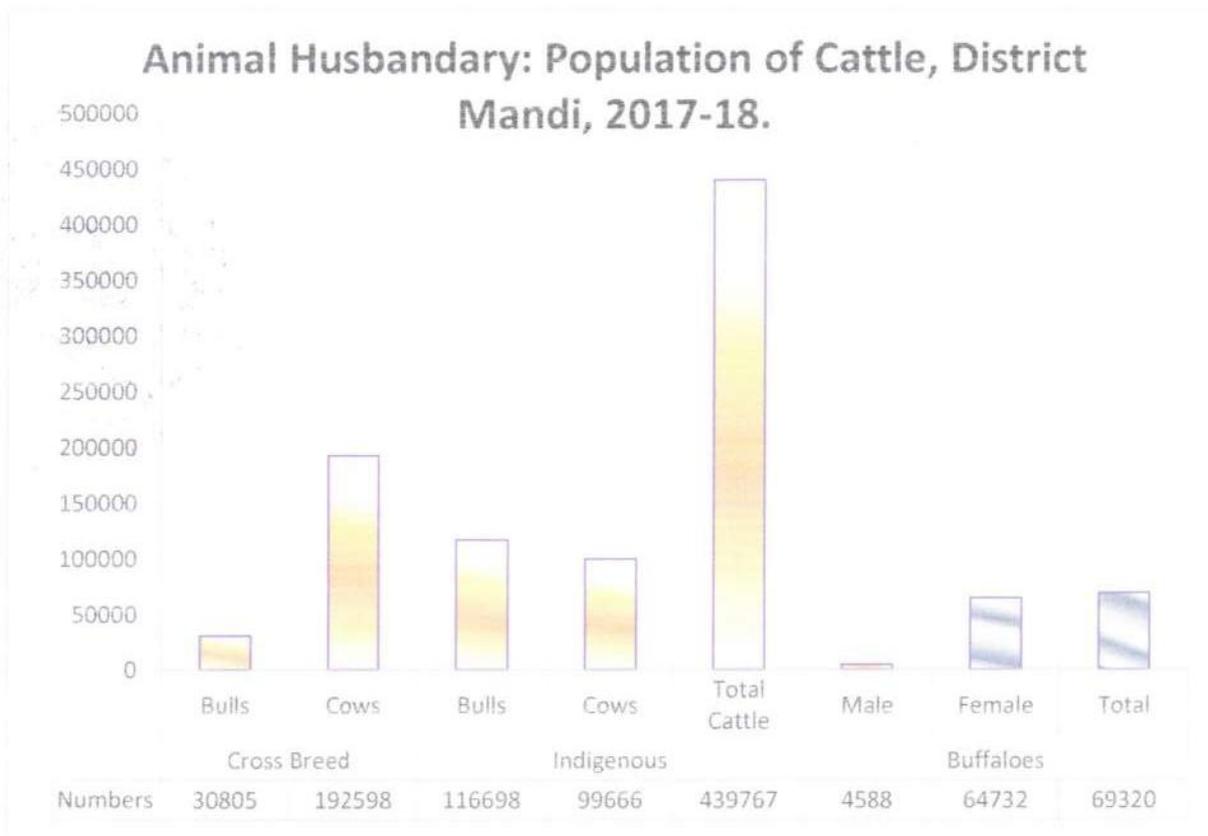


Figure 35: Showing Population of Cattle Buffaloes in District Mandi.

1.7 Fisheries

There is a vast network of perennial rivers, khads and streams in the district. Following prominent of fish family are found in the rivers and streams of Mandi district:

- Trout
- Mahasir
- Gid Seviyon
- Dise Gugli and
- Mirror Carps

The exotic trout fish species are found in Uhl, Lambadag and Tirthan. A trout hatchery is maintained at Barot. The Mahashir fish is found in river Sutluj near Dehar while Barbustor, Gid, Kuni and Himalayan Barble are found in Uhl and satluj tributaries. River Uhl, Pandoh, Mandi, Kunkatar, Sandhol, Dehar, Barot, Kamand, Balichowki are famous for trout fishing.

No perennial stream passes through the area under consideration.

Fisheries: Annual Production and value of catch, District Mandi, 2017-18.



Figure 36: Showing Fish catch / production and its sale value in 2015-16.

1.8 Flora and Fauna

1.8.1 Flora

The Chil is considered the prevailing conifer up to about 1950 meter when it gives place to the Deodar and the blue pines. In Mandi district the forest range between scrub, sal and bamboo forest of the low hills to the fur and alpine forests of the higher elevation. Lowest point of the southern boundary of the district is 427 meter above sea level and highest range of is at an elevation of 2658 meters in the north. The forests grown between these two extremes vary as the elevation itself.

In the area under consideration following are the most common trees

The most prominent varieties of trees found in the district are

Simbal (Bombex malabaricum),

Mango (Magnifera indica)

Tun (Cedrela toana)

Several species of acacia and albizia

Salambra (Odina wodier)

Termnalia

Jamun (Engenia jambolana

Larger tour

Bamboo



The common fruit trees are banana, apple, ber, jamun, mango, mulberry, almond, peach etc

Shrubs

The most common shrub at the higher elevation is Barberis, indigopera and Desmodium and following other shrubs are also found

1. Vitex
2. Munj
3. Ber
4. Ipomea
5. Dodonea &
6. Bamboo.

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The common fruit trees are banana, apple, ber, jamun, mango, pear, mulberry, apple, almond, cherry, peach etc

1.8.2 Fauna

Animals

Due to wide variations in the attitude a large variety of fauna is available in the forests of the district. The black bears are common in the higher valley. The leopards are found throughout the district. Barking dears and gural are found at medium elevation the musk deer or Kastura and serao are found in the district. Common Mammals & Birds in the Mandi District is given in the Table :-7

Table 7: Common mammals and birds in the Mandi District.

Table 6

<i>Birds</i>		
Zoological Name	English Name	Common Name
<i>Milvus migrants</i>	Vulture	Cheel, Gidh, Eell
<i>Urdynamys scolopacea</i>	Koel	Koel
<i>Columbia livia</i>	Pigeon	Kabuttar
<i>Coracias bengalensis</i>	Blue jay	Nilkantha
<i>Colums livia</i>	Hawk	Baj
<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>	Black partridge	Kala Tirtar
<i>Francolinus pondicerians</i>	Grey partridge	Safed Tirtar
<i>Pavo crisslatus</i>	Peacock	Mor
<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Common quail	Bater
<i>Alectoris graeca</i>	Chakor	Chakor
<i>Corvus splendens</i>	Crow	Kanwa
<i>Prattacula Karneri</i>	Parrot	Totta
<i>Tragopan melanocephalus</i>	Western horned Tragopan	Phulgar/Jujurana
<i>Picoides macei</i>	Fulvourbreasted Pied Woodpecker	Kathfowra
<i>Streptopelia decacto</i>	Ring dove	Gughi
<i>Streptopelia chinesis</i>	Spotted dove	Gughi
<i>Accipiter budins</i>	Shikra	
<i>Aquila rapax vindhian</i>	Tawny eagle	



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<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	Green Pigeon	
<i>Parus rufonuchalis</i>	Tits	
<i>Picus canus</i>	Black napped Woodpecker	Woodpecker
<i>Dryocopus javensis</i>	Woodpecker	
<i>Muscicapa subrubra</i>	Himalayan Fly Catcher	
<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Common Myna	Ghatari
<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>	Paradise flycatcher	Choti- Pinja
<i>Passer domesticus</i>	House sparrow	
<i>Carduelis spinoides</i>	Himalayan Green Finch	Chiria

Table 7

Mammals in Mandi

Zoological Name	English Name	Common Name
<i>Felis bengalensis</i>	Leopard Cat	Mirag, Bagh
<i>Felis Chane</i>	Jungle Cat	Langli Billi
<i>Muntiacus muntiac</i>	Barking Deer	Sakkar
<i>Vulpes bengalensis</i>	Fox	Lomari, Fohiki
<i>Canis aureus</i>	Jackal	Gidder
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Ressus monkey	Lal Bander
<i>Presbytis entellus</i>	Languor	Languor
<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Boar	Suar
<i>Hystrix indica</i>	Porcupine	Sehal
<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>	Hare	Khargosh, Sherru, farru
<i>Moschus moschiferus</i>	Musk deer	Kastura
<i>Capra ibex</i> Ibex	Ibex	
<i>Hemitragus jemlahicus</i>	Himalayan Thar	Thar
<i>Selenarctos thebatanus</i>	Black Bear	
<i>Ursus arctos</i>	Brown Bear	
<i>Panthera unica</i>	Snow leopard	
<i>Sus semia</i>	Wild Boar	
<i>Axis axis</i>	Spotted deer	Chital

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<i>Cervus unicolor</i>	Sambar	
<i>Hylopetes fimbriatus</i>	Flying squirrel	
<i>Panthera pardus</i>	Leopard	Cheerah
<i>Felis chaus</i>	Jungle cat	
<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>	Indian Civet	Sakralu
<i>Hipposideros armiger</i>	The great Himalayan leafnosed Bat	Chamgadar

In the area surrounding the mining contract following are the common birds: -

- Chakor
- Crow
- Red Jungle Fowl (Jangli Murga)
- Black Partridge (Kala Titar)
- Grey Partridge (Safed Titar)
- Woodpecker

In the contracted out area and surrounding hills following are the common animals: -

- Leopard (Bagher)
- Hare
- Wild Bore (Jangli Soor)
- Jackal
- Barking Deer (Kakkar)
- Monkey
- Sambar
- Pig



1.9 Climate

The climate of district is hot in summer as it is situated in valley at lower altitude while surrounding mountains top experience pleasant weather and cold in winters. Monsoon brings plenty of rain from July to September. October to November is pleasant weather, during this time Lake is completely full. Hottest months are May and June when temperature usually hover around 37-38 degree Celsius and sometimes for few days jumping to above 40 degrees Celsius, the nights are comparatively cooler, and month wise temperature is given in figure 7.

The area enjoys monsoon rainfall from third week of June to mid-September.

The rainfall records available with the District Collectors office from 2004 to 2014 are depicted in the figure 8.

The climatic information given is based on the data obtained from Revenue Department of Himachal Pradesh. The Indian Meteorological Department is maintaining a Meteorological Station at D.C office Mandi, and at Sundernager. All information available indicates following seasons in the District:

Winter	Dec. – March
Summer/Pre-monsoon	April- May
Monsoon June-	September

2 ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMNET PLAN

Any development activity such as mining is likely to have beneficial as well as adverse impact on existing environment on following parameters:

- Change in Topography and Land Use Pattern
- Climate
- Air Quality,
- Noise level and Ground vibrations,
- Flora & Fauna
- Soils
- Water Resources and Quality,
- Drainage,
- and
- Socio- economic conditions



2.1 Change in Topography & land use pattern.

- The contract area is part of foothills of Himalayas.
- It is part of a Riverbed.
- The highest contour of the contract area is at 652 metre above mean sea level.
- The lowest contour is at 648 m above MSL.
- Mine Area is compact one block.
- The entire block is rested during monsoons for replenishment.
- The mining shall be confined to well within the riverbed corridor.

- No mining near the banks up to 1/10th of its width can be undertaken as per guidelines, i.e. 8 to 13 metres, from banks.
- Mining shall be undertaken to a depth of one metre only.
- The contract area is and shall remain riverbed.
- Thus, the topography or land use of the Riverbed *per se* will not be changed.
- The mining contract area is devoid of any vegetation.

- The land use of the mining contract area is defined in the Revenue record as 'Gair mumkin Darya'.
- The land under active mining would always remain riverbed, during as well as post mining.

2.2 EFFECT ON FLORA & FAUNA

✓ Nil

- Mining activity is restricted to very small area, which is not going to affect the flora and fauna of the area.
- No effect on fauna and flora is anticipated

2.3 EFFECT ON CLIMATE

- The mining contract area is very small, only 1.7674 hectares.
- The mining will be confined to, within the riverbanks.
- The mining will be confine to top one metre.
- Some micro level impact near the freshly exposed surface may happen for short duration as some humid material may be exposed
- The impact will need no mitigating measures.

2.4 IMPACT ON AIR

- No blasting is involved
- The major contributors of air pollution in open cast mining are excavation, loading and transportation, generating dust, which leads to momentary rise in the suspended particulate matter (SPM).
- Very little dust will be generated during transportation.
- This activity would generate negligible disturbance to air quality.

2.5 NOISE POLLUTION

IMPACT

- The mining area represents calm surroundings.
- The mining shall be manual causing hardly any noise.
- The noise would be generated by the movement of trucks, tractor trolleys engaged in the transportation of the mined material.
- About 16 trucks trips would be required for transporting mined material per working day from mining area to crusher.

MITIGATION MEASURES

- The dedicated tipper truck would properly and regularly undergo maintenance to minimize noise.
- Special care would be taken to properly maintain the silencers of the vehicles.
- No use of horn shall be allowed in or near the mining area.
- There is already vegetation along the banks which fall outside the contracted area.

2.6 SOIL COVER

- The mining will be confine to Riverbed.
- It has no soil cover as the area gets frequently flooded during heavy rains.



- Thus, there shall be no impact on any natural soil cover.

2.7 EFFECT ON HYDROLOGY

- The mining area is part of riverbed.
- The mining will be confine to top one metre of riverbed.
- The mining will be confine to central part of riverbed, away from banks.
- Thus, mining would be dredging the dry riverbed and reducing the silt burden downstream.
- The mining will be undertaken during dry seasons.
- The ground water (undercurrent of the river) will not be disturbed

2.8 WASTE DISPOSAL MANAGEMENT

The area is in a regular course of Sathaj River and no waste will be produced during the mining activity.



2.9 SOCIO- ECONOMIC IMPACT

- No adverse impact on the socio-economic condition of the area is envisaged.
- The induction of mining sector development in and around predominantly agricultural area is bound to create its impact on the socio-economic life of the local inhabitants. The impact is generally positive. AS the figure 24 & 25 depict that though 72.62 percent population is literate but only 15.719 % population has full time employment and 52.659 % are marginally employed.
- However, the mining project in the area will have various positive impacts in the area. The mining project and *its downstream* project construction activity will provide work to as many as 20 persons. Considered their total minimum earning per day to a tune of Rs. 8000 (@Rs.400/= per person per day), the area will get a supplementation in its financial and social wellbeing to some effect.

2.10 TRANSPORT OF MINERAL

The mining contract area is part of Son Khad. From the quarry site to the riverbank Rural road a track can be maintained. The mine road leads to rural road connecting the area to Dharmpur town, as shown in figure 3. In all about 44 tonnes of material will be evacuated daily during the working season of 270 days. From rural road, material can be transported to various places.

PART III

1 PROGRESSIVE MINE CLOSURE PLAN/RECLAMATION PLAN

1.1 Reclamation

- The mined area being part of the river course cannot be reclaimed for any other purpose.
- The land under active mining would always remain riverbed, during as well as post mining.
- However, mid-stream mining in accordance with approved mining plan would lead to systematic channelization of riverbed and minimize chance of boulders overflowing the banks. This would protect the adjoining area from fury of monsoon floods.

1.2 MINE WASTE DISPOSAL:

a) Year wise generation of mine waste and soil cover.

As explained earlier the following category of the waste is generated during riverbed mining.

- Silt/ Clay Mixture

The silt and clay are generally being inseparable from sand and sold along with it.

As such no waste will be generated during the mining of stone, sand and bajri.

1.3 The arrangements made for topsoil utilization, if any

As the mining area is part of riverbed, having no topsoil cover therefore, no topsoil is required to be removed, disturbed or disposed of.



1.4. Preventive Check dams

Considering the condition of riverbanks, no check walls are required to be constructed.

1.5 Plantation work

No suitable space for tree plantation is available within the auctioned block.

2 STRATEGY FOR PROTECTION OF POINT OF PUBLIC UTILITY etc.

There is no point of utility within radius of 200 metres of the mining contract periphery, which may need any kind of protection.

3 MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT

The mining activity will be mainly manual. Worker are mainly required in riverbed mining for extraction and loading of riverbed material into tipper truck and tractor trolleys. Drivers for tippers and tractors will be another category of workers. Thus, employment potential is as given below:

Munshi	1
Drivers	2
Unskilled workers	17

Thus total generation of Employment will be to a tune of 20 both skilled and unskilled workers.

4 USE OF MINERAL

The stone, sand and Bajri are used as raw material in the construction and infrastructure industry. Thus, these minor minerals will be marketed directly to the consumers

5 DISASTER MANAGEMENT & RISK ASSESSMENT:

The mining contract area part of Riverbed which is prone to some risk hazards but there will not be any major risk hazard associated with the process. The possible scenarios selected for this project are as below:

- Inundation / Flooding
- Drowning
- Accident during mineral loading, transporting and dumping
- Accident due to vehicular movement
- Earthquakes

Inundation/Flooding

The consequences of flooding/ inundation are catastrophic or fatal. The likelihood of occurrence of flooding is occasionally possible. As per mining plan the mining work will not be carried out during monsoon season. The likelihood of occurrence of drowning is rare due to dry season mining.

Accident during mineral loading, transporting and dumping

The consequences of this scenario are minor which may be taken care with first aid care.

Accident due to vehicular movement

The consequences of this scenario are moderate and may result in hospitalization and day loss. The likelihood of occurrence is occasionally possible.

Earthquakes

The area falls in seismic zone IV. The mining operations are open cast pit mining. The mining pits will be only of one metre depth. There won't be any structure in the area likely to cause risk to worker. The workers rest sheds, store building and toilets will be constructed of lightweight wood and tin sheets.

6. RECOMMENDATION FOR RISK REDUCTION

Measures to prevent Inundation/Flooding/drowning

- Being on riverbed there should not be any mining operation during monsoon or rainy day
- Formation of deep pits should not be allowed
- Whenever there is any alert of flooding the workers will be moved to safer area along the banks.

Measures to Prevent Accidents during Loading

- The truck should be brought to a lower level so that the loading operation suits to the ergonomic condition of the workers.
- The loading should be done from one side of the truck only.
- The workers should be provided with gloves and safety shoes during loading.
- Opening of the side covers would be done carefully and with warning to prevent injury to the loaders.
- Operations during daylight only.

Measures to Prevent Accidents during Transportation

- Vehicles will be periodically checked and maintained in good condition.
- Overloading will not be permitted;
- To avoid danger of accident roads and ramp near embankment should be properly maintained.
- The truck would be covered and maintained to prevent any spillage;
- The maximum permissible speed limit should be ensured;
- The truck drivers with proper driving license would only be employed.

Measures to Prevent Accidents during Earthquakes

- Occasional drills to create awareness for safety measures during mining operations and specially the measures to be adopted during earthquakes etc will be undertaken in consultation with experts.



Declaration

This is to declare that the Mining Plan of Minor Mineral auction block of Son Khad III, for Stone, bajri and sand situated in Khasra Nos1334/1, measuring 1.7674 Hectares, Mauza/Mohal Kalswai, Tehsil Dharampur & District Mandi, has been prepared with our consent and approval and that we will abide by all commitments there under.

The 'Mining Plan and Progressive Mine Closure Plan' complies all statutory rules, regulation, orders made by competent authorities of State or Central Government or orders passed by courts have been taken into consideration and wherever specific permissions are required, shall be obtained.

We undertake to implement all measures proposed in the 'Mining Plan and Progressive Mine Closure Plan' in time bound manner.

We have deposited a sum of Rs..... with the competent authority of the State Government in form of fixed deposit Receipt as financial assurance of the same.

In case of default on our part, the approval of Mining Plan may be withdrawn, and aforesaid sum assured may be forfeited

Date
Place



Vinod
Vinod Kumar,

Village Trambla & P.O. Longni
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Certificate

Certified that the provisions of the Himachal Pradesh Minor Minerals (Concession) and Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transportation and Storage) Rules 2015, Metalliferous Mines Regulation 1961 and other guidelines issued in this regard, from time to time, have been complied for, in the preparation of Mining Plan , of Minor Minerals auctioned block of Son Khad III, for Stone, sand & bajri, situated in Khasra No. 1334/1, measuring 1.7674 Hectares., Mauza / Mohal Kalswai, Tehsil Dharampur & District Mandi, of Shri Vinod Kumar, Village Trambala & Post Office Longni, Tahsil Dharampur & District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh.

- While preparing the 'Mining Pan' including progressive mine closure plan all statutory Rules, Regulations, Orders made by competent authorities of State or Central Government or orders passed by Courts have been taken in consideration.
- The information provided and data furnished in this 'Mining Plan' is correct to the best of my knowledge.



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