

Government of Punjab
Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation
O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)
Forest Complex, Sector-68, SAS Nagar

Dated: 25-09-2024

To

Divisional Forest Officer,
Bathinda.

Sub: 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/Approach/35063/2018).

Kindly refer to the subject cited above and letter under reference for seeking prior approval in accordance with sub-section (3) of section 1A of the Adhinyam of Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications issued under Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan)Adhinyam, 1980 and Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 for diversion of **0.017624 ha (instead of 0.008912 ha)** of forest land for non-forestry purpose. In this proposal, **In-principle approval** was granted by Government of Punjab vide letter No. **FP/PB/Approach/35063/2018** dated **11.03.2024**. The compliance report of the User Agency was received through DFO on **28.08.2024**.

State Government vide letter No.45/67/2023-Forest-2/312 dated 09.01.2024 and letter No.E-659247/Forest-FCA0OTHS/9/2024-FCA dated 11.03.2024 has authorized the Nodal Officer (FCA) to grant **Stage-II approval** of cases upto 0.1 ha.of forest land. After careful examination of the received compliance, I am directed to convey Final Approval for the above-mentioned project, subject to the following conditions:

1. General Conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. 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.

3. As per the proposed CA Scheme, Compensatory afforestation (CA) shall be taken up by the State Forest Department over degraded forest land in **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 Plantation shall be done within one year from the date of issue of approval. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall strictly be avoided.
4. The compensatory plantation should be done within one year from the date of issue of this letter.
5. The Divisional Forest Officer shall ensure that the approved CA/ACA site (s) will not be changed without the approval of Competent Authority.
6. The Nodal Officer (State CAMPA) Authority shall ensure that the funds under State CAMPA will be released to Divisional Forest Officer as per approved CA scheme.
7. 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.
8. The initial permission will be given to this proposal for **99 years**. After that the permission shall again be obtained from the State Government. 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.
9. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall, under no circumstances, be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the Government of Punjab.
13. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior

approval of State Government.

14. The user agency shall carry out muck disposal at pre-designated sites as per the scheme approved.
15. Any other condition may be stipulated by this State Government from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
16. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
17. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as para 1.16 of the consolidated guidelines and clarification on Van (Sanrankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrankshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, MoEF&CC.
18. 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.

2. Specific Conditions:-

1. The State Government may suspend/cancel this approval if the implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. The Divisional Forest Officer will ensure compliance of these conditions.

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NODAL OFFICER (FCA)
25-09-2024

Copy to:-

1. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Northern Regional Office, Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh.
2. Financial Commissioner (Forest), Govt.of Punjab vide their letter no. No.45/67/2023-Forest-2/312 dated 09.01.2024 and letter No.E-659247/Forest-FCA00THS/9/2024-FCA dated 11.03.2024 for information.
3. Chief Executive Officer, CAMPA, Forest Complex, Sector-68, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab(ceo.puncampa@gmail.com)
4. The Conservator of Forests, South Circle, Patiala.

5. SAINT BABA FATEH SINGH TRUST, Factory Road, Maur Mandi, Distt. Bathinda.

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