

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated:03-10-2024

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment and Forests,
Government of Himachal Pradesh.
Shimla,

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 3.9705 ha of forest land in favour of Himachal Pradesh Public Work Department for the construction of link road from Padyalag, Dohru, Maryani, Chandoh, Dadhol Kalan, Patta, Dikhut (Km 0/0 to 6/450), within the jurisdiction of Bilaspur Forest Division, District Bilaspur in the State of Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. Online Proposal No. FP/HP/ROAD/116532/2020)- regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Himachal Pradesh proposal No. FP/HP/ROAD/116532/2020 dated 25.08.2022 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this regard it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 23.09.2024. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting are uploaded at parivesh.nic.in. The Committee had detailed discussion and deliberation with the DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Chandigarh and Nodal Officer, Government of Himachal Pradesh. After going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made by the Nodal Officer, Government of Himachal Pradesh, the Committee decided to defer the proposal and observed the following:

- i. The State Government shall provide details of action taken against the violation as per provisions mentioned in consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
- ii. The State Government shall submit a detailed status report to the Regional Office in case of 2183 road projects for which directions have been passed by Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh including the detail of proposals already approved under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and the balance cases that are yet to be processed. The Regional Office shall examine the matter holistically and forward the same to the Ministry along with its comments/recommendations.
- iii. The State Government shall submit a revised KML file correcting the proposed dumping sites that overlap with the proposed roads.

- iv. The State Government shall submit revised CA land along with site specific CA scheme, suitability certificate and KML file since the proposed area for CA is found to have Moderately dense Forest of 6 ha and plantation of 7950 saplings in proposed CA area is not feasible as per site inspection report of the Regional Office.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to furnish clarification/information, as indicated above, for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd-

(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The DDGF (C), Regional Office, Chandigarh of MoEFCC for needful action
3. The Nodal Officer, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.
5. The User Agency.