

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

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Dated: the 3rd October, 2020

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests)
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla-171001

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the central Governmnet under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, for non-forestry use of 172.30 ha of forest land in favour of Cement Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL) for the renewal of Mining Lease of Manal Limestone Mine within the jurisdiction of Poanta Forest Division Distt. Sirmour HP

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Add. PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh letter No. Ft.48-130/1992(FCA) dated 05.08.2020 on the above mentioned subject and to inform that scrutiny of the proposal in the Ministry revealed certain gaps in the information and accordingly for further action in the Ministry, following additional information from the State Government concerning the instant proposal is required:

- (i) History of the mining lease i.e. date of grant of original lease to the User Agency and date of subsequent 1st renewal and 2nd renewal etc.
- (ii) Status of mining operations during 2013 to 03.06.2015 and status of mining operation from 03.06.2015 onward. It may also be clarified whether the renewal of lease, if any, applied by the UA after 2013 and decision on the same taken by the State Government i.e. whether rejected, determined or lapsed.
- (iii) As per the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 04.08.2006 application for renewal of Forest Clearance should been submitted two years prior to expiring of mining lease period, therefore, the detail of application submitted for renewal of forest clearance, i.e. date of submission of application and reason/justification for not forwarding the same to the Central Government.
- (iv) General Approval if any, accorded by the State Government under Section 2(iii) of the FCA, 1980 in form of pursuance of the Guidelines dated 01.04.2015.
- (v) In pursuance of the Ministry's guidelines dated 01.04.2015 the State Government should have realized NPV of the entire lease area from the User

Agency, the status of the same may be provided.

2. In view of the above, it is requested to submit the information within time line limit as prescribed in FC Rules, 2014.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Surender Mehra)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests.

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Himachal Pradesh Forest Department, Shimla.
2. The DDGF (Central), RO Dehradun.
3. The Nodal Officer, (FCA), Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh Forest Department, Shimla.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division.