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No. F(C)A/11.6/435/DDGF/Committee
 Dated 12th January, 2026

To

The Additional Director General of Forests (FC)
 Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
 New Delhi - 110 003.

Subject : Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s. Bushahr Laghu Udyog, VPO Jhakri, Tehsil Rampur Bushahr for non-forestry use of 2.1532 ha. of Protected Forest (1.4612 ha. for mining lease and safety zone, 0.3400 ha. for approach road and 0.3520 ha. for staking of raw material) for already established Stone Crusher at Pashada, P.O. Khaneri within the jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division, Tehsil - Rampur Bushahr, District - Shimla in the State of Himachal Pradesh (Online No. FP/HP/MIN/34194/2018) - **Site Inspection Report - reg.**

Sir,

This has reference to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi letter No. 8B/HP/05/62/2019-FC dated 7.11.2025 constituting a two-member Committee comprising of DDGF (C), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office, Bangalore and a domain expert in soil conservation and related issues, to verify observations of the Site Inspection Report vis-a-vis the instant proposal and submit its report with clear recommendations to MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

In this regard, a site inspection of the said proposal was conducted on 6.1.2026 by the undersigned and Dr. R. K. Verma, Scientist-G, Himalayan Forest Research Institute. A detailed report alongwith the recommendation is enclosed herewith for further necessary action, please.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Director General of Forests (C)

Encl : As above.

Site Inspection Report

A Committee was constituted by the MoEF&CC, Forest Conservation Division, vide **F. No. 8B/HP/05/62/2019/FC dated 07.11.2025**, upon noting that the Site Inspection Report (SIR) of the Regional Office was at variance with the instant proposal submitted by the State Government.

The Advisory Committee (AC), in its meeting held on 27.10.2025, decided that a two-member Committee comprising the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bengaluru, and a domain expert in soil conservation and related issues (as flagged in the RO report) be constituted. **The Committee was mandated to verify the observations made in the SIR vis-à-vis the instant proposal and to submit its report with clear recommendations.**

Accordingly, a two-member Committee was constituted with the following composition:

1. DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Bengaluru, MoEF&CC – *Chairperson*
2. Domain Expert (Soil Conservation and related issues), ICFRE, Dehradun – *Member Secretary* nominated by DG, ICFRE.

Accordingly, DG, ICFRE nominated **Dr R K Verma, Scientist G, ICFRE-HFRI, Shimla** as Domain Expert (Soil Conservation and related issues), vide email communication dated 24-12-2025.

The committee conducted the site inspection on 06-01-2026. The proposed diversion site for the proposal titled “Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Bushahr Laghu Udyog, VPO Jhakri, Tehsil Rampur Bushahr for non-forestry use of 2.1532 ha of Protected Forest (1.4612 ha for mining lease and safety zone, 0.3400 ha for approach road and 0.3520 ha for staking of raw material) for already established Stone Crusher at Pashada, P.O. Khaneri within the jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division, Tehsil- Rampur Bushahr, District- Shimla in the State of Himachal Pradesh- (Online No. FP/HP/MIN/34194/2018” was inspected on **06.01.2026** by **Sh. S. Senthilkumar, Deputy Director General of Forests (DDGF), Regional Office, Bengaluru, and Dr. R. K. Verma, Scientist-G, HFRI**. Officials of the Forest Department were present during the inspection, as detailed below:

1. **Sh. Chandul Babul Tahsildar**, Conservator of Forest, Rampur Forest Circle
2. **Sh. Gurharsh Singh**, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), Rampur

3. **Sh. Ayush Gupta**, Range Forest Officer (RFO), Rampur Range
4. **Sh. Munilal Lenträ**, Block Officer (BO), Rampur Block
5. **Sh. Yograj**, Forest Guard

Sh. Chashwar Prasad, S/o the project proponent **Smt. Kanegtu Devi, Bushahr Laghu Udyog**, Rampur, District Shimla, was also present during the inspection.

Proposal Details

The item-wise breakup of the proposed diversion area is as follows:

Sl. No.	Component	Area (Ha)
1	Mining Area	0.9124
2	Safety Zone	0.5488
3	Haulage Road	0.2083
4	Raw Material Stacking & Ancillary Activities	0.4837
Total		2.1532

Site Description and Observations

The proposed site falls within Demarcated Protected Forest land and is located approximately 650 metres from the left bank of the Sutlej River. National Highway-5 (NH-5) passes between the river and the project site. The Sutlej River flows at an elevation of approximately 1000 m above mean sea level (MSL), while NH-5 is situated at around 1200 m MSL, separating the river from the proposed project area. The proposed stacking area is located at a distance of approximately 80 metres from NH-5. The mining area is situated about 100 metres above the stacking area on a rocky outcrop. The northernmost point of the mine lease area lies at an elevation of approximately 1300 m MSL and extends up to 265 metres along the upward-sloping quartzite outcrop. The haulage of mined material is proposed through loading chutes up to the stacking point.

Drainage and Environmental Considerations

The stacking area proposed in the mining plan is located at a distance of approximately 60 metres from a natural drainage channel, which carries seasonal flow during rainfall and snowmelt. The area may be utilized for stacking purposes, provided that adequate safety and protective measures are implemented to ensure that the free flow of water is not obstructed, particularly during the rainy season.

Crusher Operations

The mining plan does not include a crusher unit, and no crusher unit is proposed as part of the project.

Land and Access

The stacking area falls under Khasra No. 22/1, which forms part of the Demarcated Protected Forest. The stacking area is separated from NH-5 by Government land bearing Khasra No. 14/1, for which the Project Proponent shall obtain the requisite permission from the Government to use it as an approach to the stacking area. Since haulage of mined material is proposed through loading chutes, road formation may be restricted to a length of approximately 100 metres along the stacking area, while the remaining portion shall function as a corridor beneath the loading chute.

Stability and Safety Assessment

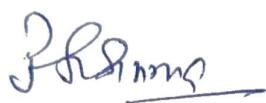
A large landslide with scattered small to large stones was observed on the right (eastern) side of the proposed stacking area. The Committee observed that the said landslide has no linkage or causal relationship with the proposed mining site. The mining area comprises a quartzite outcrop, and it is assessed that mining activities are unlikely to induce landslides or erosion, provided the Project Proponent strictly adheres to the safety measures and operational protocols prescribed in the approved mining plan.

Reclamation and Mine Closure

The Project Proponent has submitted a Progressive Mine Closure / Reclamation Plan, which shall be implemented strictly. Vegetative and reclamation measures shall be undertaken as per the approved plan, in consultation with the Forest Department.

Recommendation

In view of the above observations, the Committee is of the considered opinion that the proposal may be granted Forest Clearance, subject to strict adherence to the approved mining plan and reclamation plan, implementation of all prescribed safety measures, particularly in the stacking area, and ensuring that natural drainage channels remain unobstructed and free-flowing, especially during the monsoon season. Accordingly, the **proposal is recommended**.



Member
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