

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

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To

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

**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 Sh. Tepender Singh Saini, for non-forestry use of 6.2255 ha. of forest land for extraction of Sand, Stone and Bajri from Yamuna River, within the jurisdiction of Paonta Sahib Forest Division, District Sirmour in the State of Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Min/30477/2017)- regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to State Government of Himachal Pradesh letter Ft.48-3694/2017 (FCA) dated 11.10.2024 on the above-mentioned subject. In this regard, it is to inform that upon examination of the proposal in the Ministry, it was seen earlier that the proposal was returned to Regional Office on 03.10.2022 for providing clarification on certain points. Accordingly, RO raised EDS on 28.10.2022. The State Government submitted reply to EDS raised by RO on 22.04.2024 after a gap of one and a half years.

In view of the above, the State Govt. is requested to submit thereason for delay in submission of reply, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

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**(S. Sundar)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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