

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

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Dated: November, 2023**

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Uttar Pradesh,
Lucknow.

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 344.688 ha Reserved Forest land (294.082 ha Reserved Forest land under Kajrahat (Dala) Limestone Mine and 50.606 ha Reserved Forest land under Bhalua Limestone mine] for mining on 10 years lease period in favour of M/s Ultratech Cement Ltd., Dalla in Obra Forest Division of Sonbhadra District, State Uttar Pradesh (Online No. FP/UP/MIN/47074/2020)- regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Uttar Pradesh letter no. 1401/81-2-2021-800(155)/2021 dated 21.09.2021 forwarding a proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 14.11.2023. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. After going through the facts of the proposal, the Committee decided that the proposal for diversion of 344.688 ha Reserved Forest land for mining in Dalla in Obra Forest Division of Sonbhadra District, State Uttar Pradesh is incomplete and decided to defer the said proposal with the following observations:

- i. The State Government shall submit the approved mining plan in whose favour the Lol has been given /mining lease is proposed to be executed, along with the copy of Lol.
- ii. The State Government shall submit details of the forest land and non-forest land involved in the mining proposal and their land use along with requisite KML files.
- iii. The CA area shall be in favour of the person in whose favour Lol/mining lease has been given. Therefore, the State Govt. shall provide the related documents in this regard.

In view of the above, the Government of Uttar Pradesh is requested to furnish the information as above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Lucknow;
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