

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

**Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road,
New Delhi - 110003**

Dated: 2nd November, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Proposal for prior approval under Section 2 (iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for 229.00 ha Forest land for Limestone Mining at Village Naokari-Kusumbi, Distt. Chandrapur in favour of M/s Manikgarh Cement Ltd - reg.

I am directed to refer the letter no. 16/4/2021-M.VI dated 28/09/2021 on the above mentioned subject.

In this regard, kindly find enclosed the copy of letter no. FLD-2016/CR-406/F-10 dated 22/12/2016 vide which Government of Maharashtra has submitted above said proposal to this Ministry for seeking prior approval under section 2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 (**copy enclosed**) for further necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

Encl: As Above

**Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

To,
The Section Officer (**Kind Attention: Shri Arun Bhatia**)
Ministry of Mines,
Shastri Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road,
New Delhi-110001

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai;
2. The PCCF & HoFF, Department of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
4. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
5. User Agency;
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEFCC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 03-11-2021 10:23:27
Reason: Approved

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Government of Maharashtra

By Speed Post

No.FLD-2016/CR-406/F-10
Room no. 456/ 461 Annex,
Revenue and Forest Department,
Madam Kama Road, Hutatma
Rajguru Chowk,
Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032.
Dated: 22/12/2016

To,
The Secretary,
Government of India,
Ministry of Environments, Forest and Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi- 110 003.

Subject:- Proposal for general approval under section 2 (iii) of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for 229.00 ha. forest land for Limestone mining at village Naakari-Kusumbi, Dist. Chandrapur.

Sir,

M/s Marikgarh Cement (A Division of Century Textiles & Industries Ltd) Chandrapur has submitted the proposal online on MoEF website for general approval under section 2 (iii) of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for 229.00 ha. forest land for Limestone mining at village Naakari- kusumbi, Dist. Chandrapur. The area statement is as shown as below:-

Item of work	Village	District	Compt. No.	Area (Ha)	Legal Status
General approval under section 2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Limestone mining	Naakari- Kusumbi	Chandrapur	35	3.49	Reserve Forest (Manikghar Reserve Forest under section-19 of Hyderabad Forest Act 1355 Fasil)
			36	4.39	
			57	66.69	
			58	22.02	
			59	132.41	
Total				229.00	

2. The proposal is for obtaining general approval under Section 2 (iii) of FCA, 1980 in accordance with the instructions of Government of India communicated vide their letters dt.17/11/2016 and 16/11/2016 for 229.00 ha forest land for Limestone mining in Dist. Chandrapur.

3. The Government of India vide letter dt.17/11/2016 conveyed that the Ministry has decided that the user agency seeking permission under section 2(iii) of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 shall apply online on the prescribe form which is available on <http://forestclearance.nic.in/> website. The detail guidelines/procedure for submission of application is available on website. In this regard only online application will be considered by Ministry.

4. Approval under Section 2 (ii) or 2 (iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the forest land included in the total mining lease area has not previously been obtained.

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5. As reported by the Deputy Conservator of Forest, Central Chanda Division, Chandrapur the area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density below 0.4 and Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest.
6. The proposed project is not falling in the Eco Sensitive Zone of the Protected Area as reported by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Central Chanda Division, Chandrapur.
7. The area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc as reported by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Central Chanda Division, Chandrapur.
8. The User Agency has submitted the undertaking for payment of NPV of the forest land allowed to be utilized for the mining lease, against the forest land proposed for diversion.
9. There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, as reported by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Central Chanda Division, Chandrapur.
10. The area involved in the project is not likely to affect monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance as reported by Deputy Conservator of Forests Central Chanda Division, Chandrapur.
11. The User Agency has submitted the certificate of Collector, Chandrapur under Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dweller's (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 issued vide letter No. RB-2/2016/52 dt.30/3/2016 in prescribed format Form- II for the proposed 190.42 ha forest land as per Government of India guidelines dated 5/7/2013. However, the process for settlement of the rights under the FRA Act 2006 for the remaining 38.58 ha forest land is under progress.
12. The User Agency has submitted the Geo digital map in suitable scale with geo-reference boundary in shape file prepared by using total stations or differential GPS and also indicated forest land, non-forest land & adjoining land for general approval under Section 2 (iii) of FC Act, in different colors.
13. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has recommended the proposal subject to the conditions, given in his specific recommendations, under Section-2 (iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. His specific recommendations are enclosed in the proposal.
14. In the circumstances explained in the aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that Government of India may kindly be moved for general approval under section 2 (iii) of forest (Conservation) Act,1980 for 229.00 ha. forest land for Limestone mining at village Naokari-Kusumbi, Dist. Chandrapur and the same may please be obtained & communicated to this Government at earliest.

Yours faithfully,

Virendra Tiwari

(Virendra Tiwari) 22/12/16

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

Encl: A) Set of case papers

b) The following documents are enclosed:-

1. Prescribed form as per Rules
2. Area Statement

3. KML file, Geo-reference Map
4. Site Inspection Report
5. Mining Plan
6. Certificate in Part-III

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Copy to:

1. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C), Government of India, Ministry of Environments, Forest and Climate Change, West Central Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Opposite Old VCA Stadium, Civil Lines, Nagpur-440 001
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur
3. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur
4. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Central Chanda Division, Chandrapur
5. M/s Manikgarh Cement Pvt. Limited, Dist. Chandrapur
6. Select file F-10