

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.

Sub: 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 Municipal Corporation, Theog for non-forestry use of 0.096 ha. of Protected forest land for construction of Municipal Solid Waste Management Plant, Theog at Village- Bralti, within Theog Forest Division District- Shimla in the State of Himachal Pradesh. (FP/HP/Others/11318/2015)- regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Himachal Pradesh vide letter No. FFE-B-F002/90/2024 dated 25.08.2024 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and to say that after examination of the proposal in the Ministry, the following shortcoming is observed:

- i. Detailed violation report clearly mentioning the nature, extent, date and details of the persons responsible for violation and action taken thereof against erring officials/person is not submitted along with the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.
- ii. DFO, Theog has mentioned that at present no garbage dumping has been noticed on the proposed site, but a shed is found constructed on the spot, hence user agency has violated provision of FCA, 1980. Action taken by the State Government to evacuate construction needs to be submitted.
- iii. Detailed report on the case pertaining to the proposed area in the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, along with its present status and orders/judgements if any needs to be submitted.
- iv. As per DSS, Component wise KML file of proposed waste management plant is not available. The same needs to be submitted.
- v. As per DSS, observation based on Google Earth: solid structure and boundary wall is visible in the proposed area for diversion. Comments in this regard may be submitted by the State Government.
- vi. As per DSS, KML file of land proposed for CA is not available on PARIVESH portal. The same needs to be submitted.

In view of the above, the State Government of Himachal Pradesh is requested to submit the information/documents, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The DDGF (Central) Regional Office, Chandigarh of MoEF&CC.
3. The Nodal Officer, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.