

**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 Forest,  
Government of Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 in favour of M/s. R.K. Resort (Marriage Palace) for non-forestry use of 0.0024 ha. of Protected forest land for approach access road to R.K. Resort (Marriage Palace) at Village Khichian on Mukerian to Gurdaspur Road L/s, Tehsil- Mukerian, District- Hoshiarpur in the State of Punjab (Proposal No. FP/PB/Approach/146174/2021)-regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Punjab's letter NoFOREST-FCA0FC3D/29/2022-FCA dated 10.08.2022 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980, and to say that after examination of the proposal in the Ministry, the following shortcoming is observed:

- i. Regional Office, Chandigarh has mentioned in site inspection report that work of violation is still in progress and User Agency is using the approach access for organizing various functions. In this regard the State Government is requested to submit the action taken to stop the violation.
- ii. Further, the State Government is also requested to submit 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 of the State concerned may be submitted.
- iii. As per DSS, entire area proposed for diversion is classified as non-forest (land without tree cover) (as per the ISFR 2021). Legal status of land proposed for diversion may be verified by the State Government.
- iv. As per DSS report, the legal status of land proposed for CA cannot be examined with the help of DSS because the forest compartment boundaries for the State of Punjab are not available on the DSS portal. In this regard, the State Govt. is requested to submit KML file highlighting forest compartment boundary.

In view of the above, the State Government of Punjab 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

**Copy to: -**

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