

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 for non-forestry use of 0.8053 ha. (instead of 0.57 ha.) of forest land in favour of Malwa Stone Crusher (M/s Malwa Concrete Plant) at Village- Dhulat H.B. No. 609 Khasra No. 19, 20 which is a delisted area of section 4 of PLPA 1900 Tehsil- Mukerian under Dasuya Forest Division, District Hoshiarpur in the State of Punjab (FP/PB/Others/49086/2020)- regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Punjab's letter No.FOREST-FCA0FC3D/12/2022-FCA dated 19.06.2024 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 site proposed for stone crusher is very close to river nearby and the source of raw material is not clear as per the NOC issued from the SPCB. Source of raw material and impact of proposed stone crusher on the river nearby crusher may be submitted by the State Government.
- ii. Further, Regional Office, Chandigarh has also mentioned in site inspection report that this proposal is likely to utilize the locally available river bed material which may impact the river ecology. Comments along with measures to conservation riverine ecology needs to be submitted by the State Government.
- iii. DFO, Dasuya has mentioned in Part- II that work of violation is still in progress. In this regard the State Government is requested to submit the action taken to stop the violation.
- iv. 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.
- v. As per DSS, legal status of the connecting road is not clear i.e. whether the road is on forest land or on non-forest land. If the road is on forest land, necessary approvals obtained, if any, shall be submitted along with

compliance report.

- vi. As per DSS, observation based on Google Earth: non-forestry work such as construction of road, solid structures, etc. is visible in the area proposed for CA. Comments from State Government in this regard needs to be submitted.
- vii. 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

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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.