

F.No. 8-04/2025-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: As per e-sign

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest & Environment,
Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.

Subject: 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 M/s Neel Kanth Mining for non-forestry use of 1.5452 ha Unclassed forest for extraction of Sand, Stone & Bajari at Sarshkan Tehsil- Dharampur, District- Mandi in the State of Himachal Pradesh (Online proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/118435/2021)- regarding.

Sir,

Please refer to Government of Himachal Pradesh letter No. No.Ft.48-5237/2020 (FCA) dated 6th April, 2026 on the above mentioned subject. In this regard, the information submitted by the State Government has been examined in the Ministry. The observations of the Ministry are as follows:-

- i. The Letter of Intent (LoI) and the approved mining plan attached with the proposal is in the name of Shri Suresh Kumar. However, the proposal submitted is in the name of M/s Neelkanth Mining. Therefore, there is a difference between the proposal proponent and the person to whom the LOI/Mining plan has been issued. The mining plan should include the name of proposal proponent. The State Govt. may clarify/justify the same.
- ii. As per 'Evacuation route from Quarry site map' mentioned in the mining plan at page 31, two evacuation routes from quarry site have been shown. These roads have not been included in the instant proposal. As per the State Government, the land where this road exists is classified as 'Gair Mumkin Khad'. The State Govt. shall submit justification alongwith **supporting documents** for considering the roads as lying within non- forest land.

- iii. In the mining plan submitted, mining lease area is mentioned as 'Gair Mumkin Darya' on page 3. The State Government shall submit the **supporting documents** for considering the same as forest land.
- iv. As per Site Inspection Report by Regional Office, it is observed that at the time of inspection during last week of December, the Son Khad was having water flow; the State Government shall submit the transport mechanism of mined material from right bank of the river to the approach road on left bank of the river.

The proposal will be further examined after receipt of above information/documents.

Yours faithfully,

(Aditi Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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