

File No 8-14/2021-FC (Vol.)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

Additional Chief Secretary (Forest),
Government of Rajasthan,
Jaipur.

Subject: Diversion of 189.2515 ha (Originally applied for diversion of 248.5515 ha) of forest land in favour of DMG (Directorate of Mines and Geology), Government of Rajasthan in Pahadpur Block A & B for mining and generation of employment and earning of revenue for Government in the State of Rajasthan (Online proposal No.FP/RJ/MIN/149012/2021)-regarding.

Sir,

Please refer to Government of Rajasthan letter No. 1 (137) Van/2022 dated 5th February, 2026 on the above mentioned subject. In this regard, the proposal submitted by the Government of Rajasthan has been examined in the Ministry. The observations of the Ministry are as follows:-

- i. The State Government shall certify that the instant proposal is in consonance with the direction/order of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 29.12.2025 regarding mining in Aravalli Hills and Ranges.
- ii. As per observation of Advisory Committee in its meeting dated 21.08.2023, State Government has submitted condition-wise compliance on the conditions stipulated in FC approval for diversion of 398.0085 ha of forest land under FCA, 1980 vide Ministry's letter No. 8-14/2021-FC dated 11.03.2022, including the area mined out so far. Further, RO Gandhinagar has also submitted monitoring report of the condition wise compliance of the FC approval. After examination of compliance report of the State Government and monitoring report of RO, Gandhinagar by the Ministry, the observations with respect to the conditions of the FC approval dated. 11.03.2022 are as follows:-
 - a. Condition (i): For the condition related to obtaining of detailed cluster mining plan prior to handover of forest land, the same original mining plan dt. 12/04/2021 submitted with the proposal initially, has been attached. State Government may verify the same.
 - b. Condition (iv): On the e- green watch portal, KML file in respect of diverted area is not found to be matching with the area which was diverted. State Government shall upload the correct KML of the diverted area.

- c. Condition (viii) As per State Govt, Wildlife management plan has been approved by the CWLW. Status of implementation of Wildlife management plan could not be ascertained by RO. State government shall submit the current status of the same.
- d. Condition (xviii) The State Government may confirm whether the FC approval in respect of forest land diverted (398.0085ha) has not been transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government and the layout plan of the said land has not been changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- iii. As per remarks of IGF (RO, Gandhinagar) in the monitoring report :
- a) The entire mining lease area is not flanked by the safety zone as yet. Due to several mining pits within the forest area, there is an impact on the flora and fauna existing in the region.
- b) Compliance reports as stipulated in the Stage-II approval are not being submitted by the user agency to the Regional Office. (Condition (v) and (xiii) of Stage –II approval of 398.005 ha)
- The State Government shall submit clarification/justification in this regard.
- iv. As per monitoring report dated 02.04.2026 submitted by Regional Office, Gandhinagar, enabling changes in the land use for the already approved proposal (Proposal No. FP/RJ/MIN/125714/2021 Area-398.0085 ha) have to be made. At present the entire outer boundary of the already diverted forest land for mining is not flanked with the safety zone. Therefore, rationalization of safety zone for the entire mining cluster of both the proposals would be required.(Proposal No. FP/RJ/MIN/125714/2021 Area-398.0085 ha and instant proposal No. FP/RJ/MIN/149012/2021 Area-189.2515 Ha). The State government may submit its comments in this regard.
- v. The mining plan submitted by the state government needs to include detailed reclamation or progressive mine closure plan. The State Government may ensure the same in the instant proposal (FP/RJ/MIN/149012/2021 Area 189.2515 Ha) as per the relevant provisions of the Mining Act/ Rules.
- vi. The State Government shall verify whether the area mentioned in the proposal lies within the TTZ (Taj Trapezium Zone) and accordingly assess the proposal with respect to any court/tribunal orders passed in the matter.

In view of the above, it is requested to furnish the above information alongwith supporting documents at the earliest for further examination of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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- ii. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
- iii. The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Gandhinagar.
- iv. The User Agency.
- v. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.