

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated:

To

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)
Department of Environment, Forest and Wildlife
Government of Haryana
Haryana.

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. HSIIDC Stone Mines, Khanak for non-forestry use of 0.1785 ha. of Protected forest land for access permission for transportation of mining material at Village- Khanak under Forest Division and District Bhiwani in the State of Haryana (Proposal No. FP/HR/Approach/146575/2021)– regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Haryana letter No. letter no. क्रमांक प्रशा-डी-तीन/10371/815 dated 20.06.2022 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 Regional Office, Chandigarh has mentioned in their site inspection report that:

- i. The detailed report on violation including its extent through multiple openings, duration of violation, name and details of persons responsible both from the State Forest Department and User Agency for violation and action against them thereof needs to be submitted.
- ii. The State Government need to assess the actual requirement and place to be utilized for approach access and same area needs to be applied for post-facto approval as per prevailing provisions under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Further, all other opening in the forest area that are not sought for diversion needs to be reclaimed by the User Agency.
- iii. The instant proposal is for approach access to mining area, hence, legal status of mining area along with approval obtained, if any, may be provided by the State Government.
- iv. From DSS, it is observed that proposed CA land overlaps with the approach road proposed for diversion. Clarification on how planting of requisite number of trees will be done in the area needs to be submitted by the State Government.

In view of the above, the State Government 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 Haryana, Haryana.
2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Chandigarh of MoEF&CC.
3. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Haryana, Haryana.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.
5. User Agency.