

**SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF 0.9606 HA OF FOREST LAND PROPOSED FOR DIVERSION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOTEL BADHANI COUNTRY SIDE ON PATHANKOT TO DALHOUSIE ROAD AT VILLAGE BHAMROTA DELISTED AREA OF SECTION 4 OF PLPA 1900 TEHSIL DHR KALAN FOREST DIVISION AND DISTRICT PATHANKOT, PUNJAB. (ONLINE PROPOSAL NO. FP/PB/OTHERS/36851/2018).**

**Recommendations of the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central):**

1. As per the extant Rules and Guidelines under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam; the Technical Officer of the RO, Chandigarh inspected the site on 12.06.2025.
2. The findings and recommendation of the inspecting officer of the RO, Chandigarh is attached herewith and same is agreed upon and recommended.
3. The proposal is for diversion of 0.9606 ha forest land proposed for construction of Hotel Badhani Country Side on Pathankot to Dalhousie Road District Pathankot, Punjab. The proposal has been recommended by the State Government; accordingly same is recommended for consideration in the Advisory Committee as per the extant Rules and Guidelines issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

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**Name of the Inspecting Officer** - N K Dimri, Technical Officer (Gr-I), MOEF&CC, Regional Office, Chandigarh on 12.06.2025.

**Officials from the State Forest Department**

Neither DFO nor RFO has attended the site inspection

1. Shri Ajay Singh, Forester, Pathankot.

**Officials from the User Agency**

1. Shri Surin Bhardwaj, representative of the User Agency.

- I. Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion:** Delisted area of section 4 of PLPA 1900.
- II. Item-wise break-up details of the forest land proposed for diversion:** Item-wise break-up:  
  
Exact area of project components has not been provided it has been submitted that the area is proposed for construction of the hotel including common hall, toilets and rooms.
- III. Whether proposal involves any construction of buildings (including residential) or not. If yes, details there of:** Yes.
- IV. Wildlife:**  
  
**Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not**  
  
As per the forest officials present during the inspection; the proposed area is not important from wildlife point of view.
- V. Vegetation:**
  - i. Details of total number of trees to be felled:** No tree felling is proposed
- VI. Background on the proposal:**  
  
The User Agency has proposed diversion of 0.9606 ha forest land proposed for construction of Hotel Badhani Country Side on Pathankot to Dalhousie Road KM 20 L/S

at Village Bhamrota, Khasra No. 387, 388, 389 delisted area of section 4 of PLPA 1900, Tehsil Dhar Kalan, District and Forest Division Pathankot, Punjab.

**VII. Whether proposal involves violation of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or not. If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials.**

It was noted during the site inspection that the User Agency has used forest area (Delisted area of section 4 of PLPA 1900) for construction of the hotel without prior approval of the Central Government under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. It was observed during the inspection that the common hall and toilets has been constructed and the area behind the common hall is proposed for room's construction. The area proposed for room construction has also been worked and supporting wall has been constructed. The User Agency is continuously using the entire forest land proposed for diversion and permanent structures has been constructed. As the structures have already been constructed and are operating; the case is for post-facto approval per prevailing provisions under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, wherein, the forest land has been already used for non-forest purpose.

**VIII. Whether proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced persons. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been prepared by the State Government or not. Details be furnished specifically if rehabilitation plan would affect any other forest area by trans-locating outstees in and around the said forest:**

No.

**IX. Reclamation Plan:** Not Applicable

1. Details and financial allocation: Not Applicable.

**X. Details on catchment and command area under the project:** Not Applicable.

**XI. Cost benefit ratio:** Not Applicable.

**XII. Recommendations of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ State Government:** Submitted along with the proposal.


**XIII. Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/religious value. Whether any sacred grove or very old grown trees/forests exists in areas proposed for**

**diversion:** The officials of the State Forest Department informed that the land being diverted has no socio-cultural / religious value.

**XIV. Situation w.r.t. any Protected Area:** There are No Protected Areas.

**XV. Recommendations:**

- i. The User Agency is continuously using the forest land (Delisted area of section 4 of PLPA 1900) proposed for diversion and permanent structures has been constructed. As the structures have already been constructed and are operating; as per prevailing provisions under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 the instant case is for post-facto approval, wherein, the forest land has been already used for non-forest purpose.



**N K Dimri**  
Technical Officer (Gr-I)

Photographs during the site visit



Common hall constructed



Toilet constructed



Area proposed for room construction

