

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),
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 2.21 ha Protected forest land in compartment number PF 399 of Hanumana Forest Range, Rewa Forest Division in favour of M/s Swami Nityanand Ji Maharaj Stones for Sardaman Stone Quarry lease under Rewa District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/152429/2022) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-1/837/2022/10-11/796 dated 21.02.2023 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 24.06.2025. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in.

After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee '**deferred**' the proposal for want of following information:

- i. An area of 0.0135 hectares of forest land proposed for Approach Access road appears to be broken as per satellite imagery. The State Govt. shall submit the detailed action taken report regarding the violation in the matter.
- ii. Satellite imagery indicates the presence of certain other mining activities outside the proposed mine boundary. In this regard, the State Government shall give the status of the land and whether the mining operations currently being undertaken outside the proposed area have the requisite statutory approvals, including the approvals under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
- iii. The proposed area is within 10 km of Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary. The state shall inform whether the ESZ of the WLS has been notified or not and whether the proposed area is outside the ESZ or otherwise.
- iv. As per DSS analysis, transmission lines have been observed over the Compensatory Afforestation area. The State shall ensure that the NFL/DFL proposed for CA is free from all encumbrances.

- v. The State Government has recommended the proposal for the diversion of 2.21 hectares of forest land, whereas the user agency has submitted a component-wise break-up of 2.2236 hectares of forest land. In this regard, the State Government shall confirm the actual area proposed to be diverted.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.