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Dated: As per e-sign

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Rajasthan,
Jaipur.

Subject: Diversion of 248.5515 ha of forest land in favour of DMG, Rajasthan in Pahadpur Block A & B for mining and generation of employment and generation of District in the State of Rajasthan (Online proposal No.FP/RJ/MIN/149012/2021)-regarding.

Madam/Sir,

Please refer to Government of Rajasthan's letter No.P.1(37)VAN/2022 dated 09.07.2025 on the above mentioned subject. In this context, the observations of the Ministry are as follows:-

(i) The State Government instead of submitting the condition-wise compliance on the conditions stipulated in FC approval for diversion of 398.0085 ha of forest land under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 vide Ministry's letter No. 8-14/2021-FC dated 11.03.2022, the State Govt. has submitted the cluster Mining plan of Paharpur Sandstone Mine (Block A & B). The State Govt. shall submit condition-wise compliance of earlier approval.

(ii) Further, As per para 7.8 (i) (e) given in Chapter-7 of the Consolidated Handbook of Guidelines and clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 issued by the Ministry on dated 29.12.2023 states that "Any proposal for diversion of forest for mining involving any forest land in respect of which diversion has been approved earlier will invariably be submitted along with the present status of compliance of the conditions of all previous FCs duly certified by the concerned Regional Officer of the MoEF&CC". Therefore, the State Government shall submit the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the approval accorded by the Ministry's letter No. 8-14/2021-FC dated 11.03.2022 duly certified by RO, Gandhinagar.

(iii) The KML file for the areas of 15.30 ha falling in the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Bandh Baretha WLS and 44 ha. proposed to be deleted from the original diversion proposal has not been submitted. The State Government shall submit the same.

(iv) As per Point No 16 of Para 7.2 given in Chapter-7 of the Consolidated Handbook of Guidelines and clarification issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam

Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 issued by the Ministry on dated 29.12.2023 states that "the proposals on forest land under litigation or sub-judice on account of an issue pertaining to the Indian Forest Act, 1927 (16 of 1927), Local Forest Act, or said Adhiniyam shall be dealt as per the orders, Judgements passed by the Courts or Tribunals in such cases and the date of applicability of the Adhiniyam in various types of lands shall be in accordance with the direction, if so, passed by the Courts/Tribunals". Accordingly, the State Government shall submit the view/comment on the above alongwith present status of Court Case.

In view of the above, it is requested to furnish the above information at the earliest for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

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- 4.The Sub-Office, MoEF&CC, Jaipur.

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