

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

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Dated:02-08-2025

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment and Forests,
Government of Himachal Pradesh.
Shimla,

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 1.9 ha. of Undermarked Protected Forest land in favour of Himachal Pradesh Public Work Department for Construction of road Bholi to Lower Bholi Gassour road km. 0/0 to 2/500 within jurisdiction of Bilaspur Forest Division, District Bilaspur in the State of Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/ROAD/37475/2018)- regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to refer to State Government of Himachal Pradesh letter No. HPFD-F05/126/2023-FCA dated 02.07.2025 which was uploaded on Parivesh portal on 07.07.2025 forwarding reply as sought vide Ministry letter dated 04.10.2024 and to say that after examination of reply submitted by the State Government, following shortcoming is observed:

1. In response to EDS no.1 raised by the Ministry on the basis of the Advisory Committee's recommendations, the State has not clearly brought out the action taken against the violations in the instant proposal. Therefore, the State is requested again to provide details of action taken against the violation as per provisions mentioned in consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
2. In response to EDS no.2 raised by the Ministry on the basis of the Advisory Committee's recommendations, the State has not submitted a complete and detailed status report of the 2183 proposals. Therefore, the State is requested again to submit a detailed status report to the Regional Office in case of 2183 road projects for which directions have been passed by Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh including the detail of proposals already approved under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and the balance cases that are yet to be processed.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to furnish clarification/information, as indicated above, for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

*Sd-***(S. Sundar)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The DDGF (C), Regional Office, Chandigarh of MoEFCC.
3. The Nodal Officer, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.
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