

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

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Dated: 15th September, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 54.668 ha. of forest land for extraction of sand, stone and bajri from bed of river Yamuna mining project by Randeep Singh, Mauza and Mohal Bhagani, District Sirmour, within the jurisdiction of Paonta Forest Division, District, Sirmour Himachal Pradesh -Modification of condition-regarding.

Madam/Sir,


I am directed to refer to this Ministry's approval dated 29.11.2022 under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect to above subject proposal and to say that the Ministry has considered the request of Government of Himachal Pradesh as made vide their letters No.FFE-B-F(2)-2/2022 dated 17.05.2023 and No.FE-B-mF(2) 2/2022 dated 30.06.2023 for modification in condition no B(v) and B(vi) of the Stage-II approval dated 29.11.2022.

2. After due consideration of the proposal in the Ministry with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and its acceptance by the competent authority, the condition no. B(v) of Stage-II approval dated 29.11.2022, which states that "*The State Govt. shall ensure that no extraction of material will be allowed from the river beds during monsoon period i.e. from beginning of June to end of October each year*", has been modified in respect of diversion of 54.668 ha. of forest land for extraction of sand, stone and bajri from bed of river Yamuna mining project by Randeep Singh, Mauza and Mohal Bhagani, District Sirmour, within the jurisdiction of Paonta Forest Division, District- Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh as below:

"The State Govt. shall ensure that no extraction of material will be allowed from the river beds during the months of June to September each year".

3. The other conditions as stipulated in Stage-II approval dated 29.11.2022 will remain the same.

Yours faithfully,


 Sd/-
(Dr Surabhi Rai)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The DDGF(C),Regional Office, Chandigarh.
3. Sub-Office, MoEF & CC, Shimla.
4. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o the PCCF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.