

F. No. 8-16/2000-FC (pt.)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 2nd September, 2015

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Forest and Revenue Department,
Government of Uttarakhand,
Dehradun

Sub: Grant of approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for collection of minor minerals for a period of ten years from 1380.03 hectares of reserve forest land located in river bed of river Ganga and its tributaries in Haridwar district of Uttarakhand -regarding.


Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and the Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Uttarakhand's letter No. 168/1G-3736 dated 7th January, 2015, letter no. 3463/11C(Hari) dated 29.05.2015, letter no. 374/1G-3736 (Hari) dated 31.07.2015 and letter no. 693/1G-3736(Hari) dated 26.08.2015 forwarding a report on the compliance of condition stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 24.09.2014 and to say that examination of the said compliance report in the Ministry revealed following shortcomings:

- (i) Adequate details of the compensatory levies, realized from the User Agency in lieu of forest land being diverted, have not been provided. The Adhoc CAMPA, vide its note dated 25.08.2015 has informed that total of the compensatory levies as indicated in Column 8 (a) and (h) of the proforma comes to Rs. 8,61,02,273/- which does not match with the amount claim to have been deposited into the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA. Further, component wise and project wise breakup of the remittance of Rs. 65,56,768/- (DD No. 281482 dated 7.04.2008) need to be furnished by the State Government to enable the CAMPA to furnish a confirmation report on the remittance of compensatory levies in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA.
- (ii) As per the approval dated 24.09.2014, CA was required to be undertaken over degraded forest land, twice in extent to the forest land being diverted. Details of CA area viz. differential GPS map of the 925 ha of degraded forest land where CA already undertaken has not been provided. Similarly, requisite details viz. Differential GPS map, CA scheme, land suitability certificate, etc. of remaining area i.e. 2055.06 ha (1380.03 x 2 - 2760.06 - 925 = 1835.06 ha) where CA is to be undertaken by the State forest Department has not been provided by the State Government. Examination of the details regarding CA further revealed that cost of CA in respect of 1835.06 has not been realized from the project proponent. The cost of CA corresponding to the balance area may be worked out by the State Government and the same may be deposited into the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA and report on the same along with accurate details as desired under para (i) above may be submitted to the Ministry.

- (iii) A copy of order, in compliance to condition no. (x) of the Stage-I approval pertaining to the constitution of the Committee, has not been provided by the State Government in the compliance report.
- (iv) The State Government did not report the compliance of condition no. (xv) of the Stage-I approval. Details of check posts to be set up in the area during the collection season, in compliance to this condition, required to be submitted by the State Government.

Yours faithfully


(Nisheeth Saxena)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Dehradun.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.


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