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To

The Principal Secretary (Forest)  
Government of Uttarakhand  
Dehradun

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for use of 150 ha of forest land for Mining of minor Minerals from Kosi-Dabka part 2 river from reserved forest in favour of Managing Director Uttarakhand Van Vikas Nigam, Khanan Prabhag, Ramnagar under Tarai West, Ramnagar Forest Division and District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/MIN/60921/2020) Reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Uttarakhand's online proposal No. 1612/FP/UK/MIN/60921/2020 dated 26.11.2021 and submitted additional information on 04.01.2023 and 16.09.2023 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this regard it is informed that the proposal was considered in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 29.11.2023.

Further, it is informed that after obtaining the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry on the recommendation of the Advisory that the CB ratio in this proposal is 3.50:1 which shows that the proposal is not beneficial. Moreover, Committee has also noted that the Ministry had extended the validity of the proposal for collection of minor minerals from Gaula, Kosi, Dabka and Sharda River subject to the compliance of the certain conditions within 3 months of time. However, the State has not submitted any information/compliance in this regard. In

view of the non-submission of the compliance report of the previous approval granted to the UKFDC and non-beneficial nature of the proposal (w.r.t. CB ratio) the Central Government may not be acceded the instant proposal in the present proposition.

**Yours faithfully,**

**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
**Scientist 'D'**

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