

**F. No. 9-HRC093/2020-CHA**  
**Government of India**  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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**Dated:06-10-2025**

To,

**The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)**  
Department of Environment, Forest and Wildlife  
Government of Haryana  
Haryana.

**Subject: : Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies for non-forestry use of 13.684 ha. of forest land (closed under section 4 & 5 of PLPA 1900) for construction of Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies along Badkhal-Surajkund road, R/side, under Forest division and District Faridabad, Haryana (Online Proposal No. FP/HR/SCH/41500/2019)– regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Haryana online proposal No. FP/HR/SCH/41500/2019 dated 24.11.2020 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal, ***'in-principle'/Stage-I*** approval to the proposal was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 29.12.2023 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Government of Haryana through online PARIVESH portal on 04.09.2025, ***final approval/Stage- II*** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies for non-forestry use of 13.684 ha. of forest land (closed under section 4 & 5 of PLPA 1900) for construction of Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies along Badkhal-Surajkund road, R/side, under Forest division and District Faridabad, Haryana subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. **Compensatory Afforestation:**

- a. The State Government shall ensure that compensatory afforestation over already notified non-forest land i.e. 33 Acre 06 Kanal 11 Marla which equals to 13.68643 ha. equal in extent to the forest land being diverted i.e. 13.684 ha is initiated within two years from the date of issue of Stage– II approval and maintained thereafter as per approved plan by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency. Further, as far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
- b. The State Government shall ensure that Soil and Moisture Conservation measures in the proposed CA area as per site requirement is carried out at the cost of user agency;
- iii. The State Government has realized the NPV of the forest area diverted under this proposal from the User Agency, as per the orders dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines given under para 3 of the Chapter- 3 of the Consolidate Guidelines and Clarifications issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 published by the Ministry on 29.12.2023, the user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- iv. The State Government shall ensure that reported encroached forest area (i.e. 0.19 ha) by the user agency is cleared and plantation is done on same site at the cost of user agency;
- v. The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India toposheet of 1:50,000 scale;
- vi. The User agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- vii. The State Government shall ensure that layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- viii. The State Government shall ensure that no labour camps shall be allowed on the forest land;
- ix. The State Government shall ensure that no damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
- x. The State Government shall ensure that forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person;
- xi. The State Government shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State

Forest Department;

- xii. The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted as per the sub-rule (7) of Rule 11 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023;
- xiii. The State Government shall ensure that user agency shall provide alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- xiv. The State Government shall ensure that boundary of the forest land proposed to be diverted shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;
- xv. Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- xvi. The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and this Ministry by the end of March of every year regularly; and
- xvii. The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (s) and National Green Tribunal (NGT) Order(s), if any, pertaining to this project for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- xviii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 29.12.2023;
- xix. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval letter dated 29.12.2023 for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order (S), if any, or the time being in force, including compliance of the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act, 2006, before handing over the forest land to the user agency.
- xx. The monitoring report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)

regularly.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

**(S. Sundar)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to: -**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Haryana, Haryana.
2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Chandigarh of MoEF&CC.
3. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Haryana, Haryana.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.
5. User Agency.