

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

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Dated: 15th July, 2021

To

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),

Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla.

2. The Joint CEO, National Authority,

4th Floor Old CBI Bulding,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi.

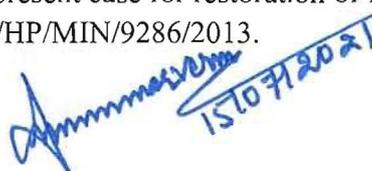
Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 172.30 ha of forestland in favour of Cement Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL) for the renewal of Mining Lease of Manal Limestone Mine within the jurisdiction of Poanta Forest Division Distt. Sirmour of the State of Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/9286/2013).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Himachal Pradesh, Forest Department's letter Ft.48-130/1992 (FCA) dated 05.08.2020 on the above mentioned subject, seeking approval of the central govt. for restoration of forest clearance held in abeyance due to non-payment of NPV. The ministry vide letter dated 25.03.2021 had conveyed the approval for restoration of forest clearance held in abeyance due to non-payment of NPV and concurred that the approval for diversion of forest land accorded vide letter dated 22.03.1999 shall be deemed to be co-terminus with the period of the mining lease i.e. till 03.08.2023 subject to certain conditions including the payment of NPV and penal interest on late payment of NPV.

2. The APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA) Himachal Pradesh vide his letter No. Ft.48-5141/2020 (FCA) dated 24.06.2021 has submitted the compliance to the conditions stipulated in the letter dated 25.03.2021. It has been intimated that the User Agency has deposited the amount of NPV as well as the penal interest on the late payment of NPV.

3. It has been observed that the payment of Rs 23,05,25,247/- is credited against the original proposal no. FP/HP/MIN/294/1997 vide which the approval dated 22.03.1999 was accorded in favour of the user agency. The present case for restoration of forest clearance was however dealt as a separate proposal no. FP/HP/MIN/9286/2013.

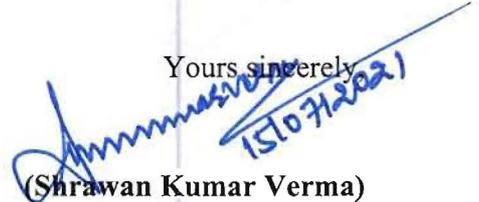

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4. Keeping above facts in view the Central Government hereby conveys its approval for restoration of Forest clearance held in abeyance due to non-payment of NPV and concurs that the approval for diversion of forest land accorded vide letter dated 22.03.1999 shall be deemed to be co-terminus with the period of the mining lease i.e. **till 03.08.2023** subject to terms and conditions contained in the approval letter dated 22.03.1999.

5. The Himachal Pradesh Govt. is further requested to get the above said NPV/penal interest amount transferred from online proposal no. **FP/HP/MIN/294/1997 to FP/HP/MIN/9286/2013** within a period of three months from the receipt of this letter.

6. The Joint CEO, National Authority is also requested to transfer the above said NPV/penal interest amount from online proposal no. **FP/HP/MIN/294/1997 to FP/HP/MIN/9286/2013**.

Yours sincerely



(Shrawan Kumar Verma)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Talland, Shimla.
2. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office (NCZ), Shimla.
3. The Nodal Officer, (FCA), Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh, Talland, Shimla.
4. The CEO, State Authority, CAMPA, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.