

F. No. FC/HPB/09/79/2022
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi- 110003
Dated:12-10-2025

To,

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

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 M/s Bushahr Laghu Udyog, VPO Jhakri, Tehsil Rampur Bushahr for non-forestry use of 0.0934 ha of Protected Forest (0.062 ha) and Gair Mumkin Machine (0.0314 ha) for renewal of already established Stone Crusher at Pashada, P.O. Khaneri within the jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division, Tehsil- Rampur Bushahr, District- Shimla in the State of Himachal Pradesh (Online No. FP/HP/IND/35171/2018)– regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to State Government of Himachal Pradesh letter No. Ft.48-314/1997 (FCA) dated 15.02.2019 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and to say that after examination of proposal the following shortcoming is observed:

- i. The Letter of Intent (Lol) was valid until 24.08.2025 and has now expired. A valid Lol needs to be submitted.
- ii. The DFO has mentioned in Part II that 0.0934 ha of forest land is applied for renewal for the establishment of a stone crusher by M/s Bushahr Laghu Udyog. However, in the title mentioned in Part I, it refers to the renewal of diversion of the stone crusher. The State Government shall clarify whether the proposal is for renewal or for the establishment of a new stone crusher.
- iii. In the component-wise break-up provided in the updated Part-I, 0.011 ha has been proposed for the approach road. However, the KML file for the road has not been submitted along with the proposal. The KML file must be uploaded on the PARIVESH portal and the Ministry should be duly informed.
- iv. It is observed that the same user agency has submitted Proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/34194/2018 for the diversion of 2.1532 ha of Protected Forest

land (comprising 1.4612 ha for mining lease and safety zone, 0.3400 ha for the approach road, and 0.3520 ha for stacking of raw material). The present proposal pertains to the diversion of forest land for a crusher plant and a road. The State Government is therefore requested to clarify whether these two proposals are interlinked. If they are, the reason for submitting them separately may kindly be provided.

- v. It is noted from the reply submitted by the State Government in response to the EDS raised by the Regional Office of this Ministry on 30.01.2025 that the user agency has applied for obtaining the NOC from the concerned Road Department, and that the same will be submitted prior to Stage-II approval. The State Government is therefore requested to furnish the said NOC at the earliest.
- vi. As per the DSS report, there is a discrepancy between the previously approved area and the area now proposed for renewal. The State Government is requested to submit the correct and updated KML file accordingly.
- vii. As per the DSS report, certain structures are visible within the proposed forest area. The State Government is requested to provide specific comments and clarification regarding the same.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
SUNDAR SAMBAMOORTHY
Date: 13-10-2025
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(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chandigarh.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.

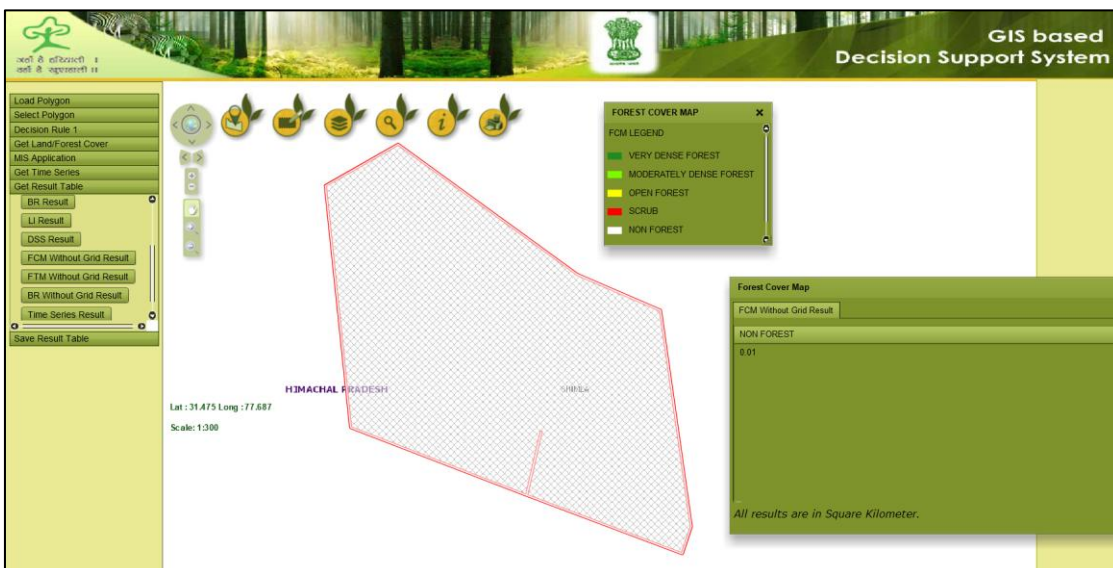
Proposal No.: FP/HP/IND/35171/2018

Proposal: Renewal of lease of 0.0934 ha (instead of 0.2898 ha) of forest land for already established Stone Crusher at Pashada and approach road to quarry site at Pashada in favour of M/s Bushahar Laghu Udyog VPO Jhakri, Tehsil Rampur Bushahar Distt. Shimla, within the jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division, Himachal Pradesh.

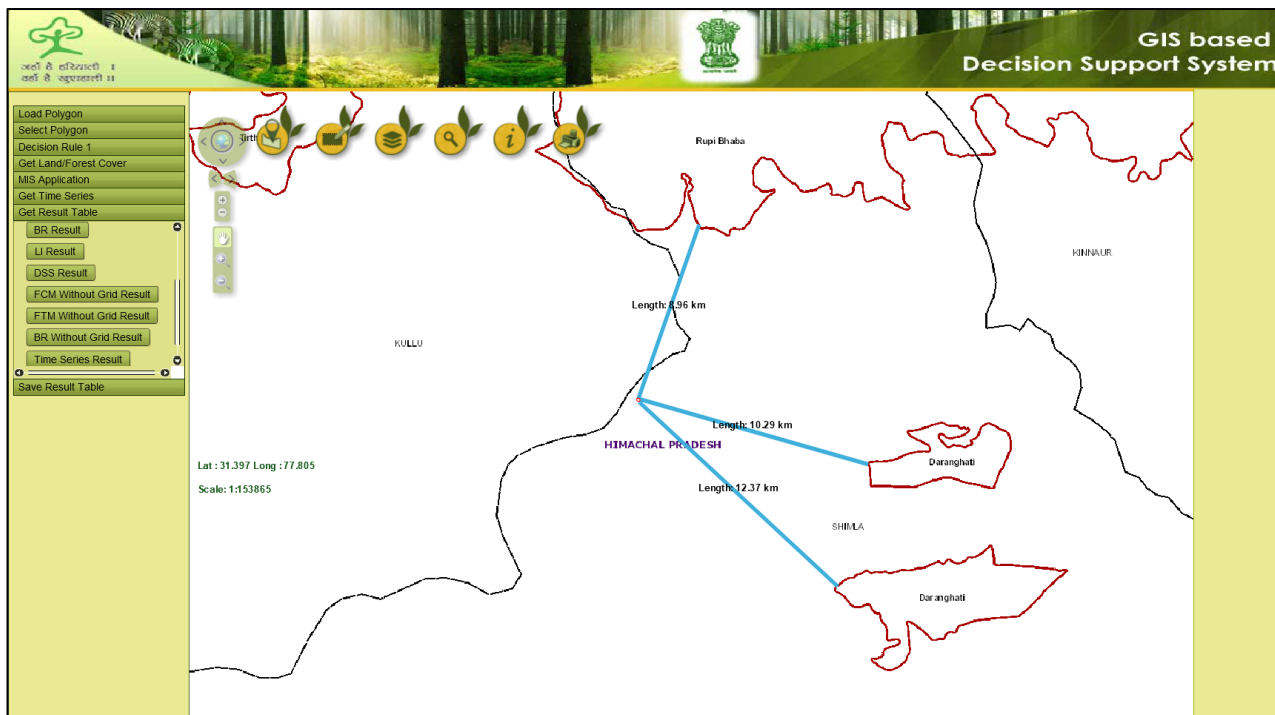
Analysis of Land proposed for diversion



1. Proposed forest land for renewal falls under Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh State and its software calculated area is found to be 0.093 ha.
2. Forest Cover: Entire area is classified as non-forest (land without tree cover) as per the ISFR 2021 based on the interpretation of satellite data period 2019-2020.



- As per the boundaries available on DSS, the proposed area is located at an approx. aerial distance of 8.96 km from Rubi Bhaba WLS and 10.26 km from Daranghati WLS. A map showing the distance of proposed forest area for renewal from nearest Protected Areas is attached below for reference.



- Proposed forest area falls under **Not-in High Conservation Value (HCV) Zone** as per Decision Rule 1 and Decision Rule 2.
- Observation based on high resolution Google Earth (GE) images: some structure is visible in the proposed forest area.

Decision Rule 1:

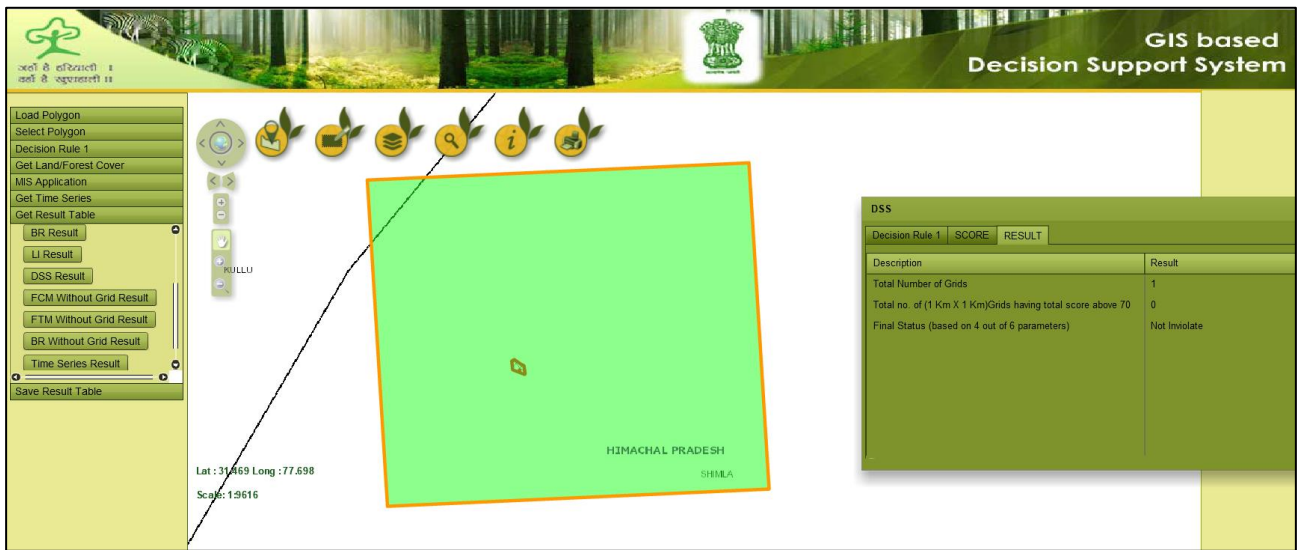
Whether forms part of:

- Hydrological Layer:
 - Major River: N/A
 - Wetland (Area more than 10 ha.): N/A
 - Water bodies (irrigation/Hydropower/water storage): N/A
- Very Dense Forest patch (>1 sq km): N/A
- Remnant Forest Type: N/A
- Protected area/Tiger Reserves/Tiger corridors: N/A

Decision Rule 2 (Grid selection based on without 50% rule)

DESCRIPTION	RESULT
Total Number of Grids	1
Total no. of (1 Km X 1 Km) Grids having total score above 70	0
Final Status (based on 4 parameters)	Not-In High Conservation Value Zone

GRIDID	SCORE FCM	SCORE FTM	SCORE BR	SCORE LANDSCAPE	AGGREGATE SCORE
279238	20.98	21.43	80.3	41.46	41.04



Submitted please.

Shivani Sood
 STA, DSS Cell
 9.09.2025