

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

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Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated:03-10-2024

To,

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

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 1.9 ha. of Undermarked Protected Forest land in favour of Himachal Pradesh Public Work Department for Construction of road Bholi to Lower Bholi Gassour road km. 0/0 to 2/500 within jurisdiction of Bilaspur Forest Division, District Bilaspur in the State of Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/ROAD/37475/2018)- regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Himachal Pradesh proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/37475/2018 dated 11.01.2024 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this regard it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 23.09.2024. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting are uploaded at parivesh.nic.in. The Committee had detailed discussion and deliberation with the DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Chandigarh and Nodal Officer, Government of Himachal Pradesh. After going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made by the Nodal Officer, Government of Himachal Pradesh, the Committee decided to defer the proposal and observed the following:

- i. The State Government shall provide details of action taken against the violation as per provisions mentioned in consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
- ii. The State Government shall submit a detailed status report to the Regional Office in case of 2183 road projects for which directions have been passed by Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh including the detail of proposals already approved under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and the balance cases that are yet to be processed. The Regional Office shall examine the matter holistically and forward the same to the Ministry along with its comments/recommendations.
- iii. The State Government shall submit the revised KML file for proposed area for diversion along with details of the dumping site.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to furnish

clarification/information, as indicated above, for further necessary action in the matter.

Signed by Sundar
Sambamoorthi

Date: 04-10-2024 10:10:50

Yours faithfully,

Sd-
(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

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

Enclt. no. S878

Dated 10/10/2024

Copy forwarded to Executive Engineer Bilaspur Division
No. 4 HPPWD Bilaspur for information and further necessary
action. He is requested to attend to the observation pertain to his
office and send compliance report.

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