

FOREST DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF HARYANA

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क्रमांक- 1518  
सेवा में,

दिनांक 27/10/2020

कार्यकारी अभियन्ता,  
सिंचाई विभाग, पानीपत।

विषय:- Diversion of 0.861 Ha. Forest land for Remodeling & Lining of Main Drain No. 2 by providing brick pitching on side slop from G.T. Road (NH-44) to Barsat Road reach RD 58100 to RD 67500, in Distt. Panipat (HR).

Proposal No. FP/HR/Canal/48639

Date of Submission- 02-09-2020

उपरोक्त विषय के सम्बन्ध में आपको अवगत कराया जाता है कि आप द्वारा जो प्रस्ताव (Main Drain No. 2 by providing brick pitching on side slop from G.T. Road (NH-44) to Barsat Road reach RD 58100 to RD 67500, in Distt. Panipat) गैर-वानिकी कार्य हेतु वन, पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार की वेबसाइट पर ऑनलाईन किया गया है। उक्त प्रस्तावित स्थल में वन विभाग की संरक्षित भूमि उपयोग में लाई जानी है। आप द्वारा आवेदित किये गये प्रस्ताव G.T. Road (NH-44) to Barsat Road की शिकायत श्री पी0पी0 कपूर, सूचना अधिकार कार्यकर्ता, निकट बंसल फाउंड्री, समालखा, जिला पानीपत द्वारा नेशनल ग्रीन टिब्यूनल तथा उच्चाधिकारियों को की गई है, शिकायतकर्ता श्री पी0पी0 कपूर द्वारा की गई शिकायत में श्री रविन्द्र सिंह, तकनीकी अधिकारी (वानिकी) ग्रेड -I को पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु मंत्रालय, उत्तर क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, चण्डीगढ़ को जांच अधिकारी नियुक्त किया गया था। जांच अधिकारी श्री रविन्द्र सिंह, तकनीकी अधिकारी (वानिकी) ग्रेड -I द्वारा दिनांक 27 नवम्बर, 2019 को आप द्वारा प्रस्तावित साइट का मौका निरीक्षण किया गया, मौका निरीक्षण के समय सुश्री निवेदिता भोजराजन, भा0व0से0, श्री जयकिशन, वन राजिक, श्री नीरज, वन रक्षक, श्री एस0पी0 सिंगला, उप मण्डल अधिकारी, लोक निर्माण विभाग, पानीपत, श्री हरीश कुमार, कनिष्ठ अभियन्ता, सिंचाई विभाग तथा श्री पी0पी0 कपूर, सूचना अधिकार कार्यकर्ता मौजूद थे। जांच अधिकारी द्वारा फाईल सं0 12-68/2010-ROC dated 11 December, 2019 को जांच रिपोर्ट The Under Secretary (ROHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indira Paryavarn Bhawan, Jore Bag Road, New Delhi-110003 (प्रति सलंगन) को भेज दी गई है, जिसमें साफ-2 लिखा है कि Huda Sector-18 का रोड़ Drain No. 2 के साथ-2 बना हुआ है, जिस कारण Drain No. 2 के साथ रोड़ बनाने की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

अतः आपको लिखा जाता है कि आप उक्त प्रस्ताव को वन, पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार की वेबसाइट पर ऑनलाईन विदडा करने का कष्ट करें, क्योंकि उक्त प्रस्ताव में वन, पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा स्वीकृति नहीं दी जा सकती।

सलंगन-उपरोक्त।

उप वन संरक्षक,  
पानीपत।  
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इसकी एक प्रति निम्नलिखित को सूचनार्थ प्रेषित है:-

1. उप-वन महानिदेशक (केन्द्रीय), पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु मंत्रालय, चण्डीगढ़।
2. मुख्य वन संरक्षक (एफ0सी0), कार्यालय-प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक, हरियाणा, पंचकूला।

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पानीपत।  
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सत्यमेव जयते

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE  
उत्तर क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, चंडीगढ़ / Northern Regional Office, Chandigarh



F. No. 12-68/2010-ROC

Dated: Wednesday, December 11, 2019

To

The Under Secretary (ROHQ),  
(Shri Abhijeet Roy)  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jore Bag Road,  
New Delhi-110 003.

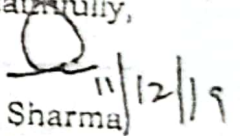
Sub: Complaint made by Shri PP Kapoor, Panipat regarding environmental degradation by cutting about 15000 trees by the PWD (B&R) Panipat during widening of Sector 18 road (from GT road to Barsat road pool) under Forest Division and District Panipat, Haryana-regarding.

Ref: Your letter No. 7-9/2019-ROHQ dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and state that on the complaint of Shri PP Kapoor, RTI Activist, near Bansal Foundry, Samalkha, District Panipat, Haryana, the matter under reference was inspected by Shri Ravinder Singh, Technical Officer (Forestry), Grade-I of this office on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. A copy of the site inspection report is enclosed herewith for your further necessary action please.

Yours faithfully,

  
(SD Sharma)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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Report of the site inspection undertaken by Shri Ravinder Singh, Technical Officer (Forestry) Grade-I, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Northern Regional Office, Chandigarh on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 on the complaint made by Shri PP Kapoor, Panipat regarding environmental degradation by cutting about 15000 trees by the PWD (B&R) Panipat during construction of proposed widening of Sector 18 road (from GT road to Barsat road pool) under Forest Division and District Panipat, Haryana: reg.

It is pertinent to mention here that a complaint has been received in the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi from Shri PP Kapoor, RTI Activist, near Bansal Foundry, Samalkha, District Panipat, Haryana in which he has alleged that the PWD (B&R) Panipat is planning to cut 15,000 green trees in the name of widening of Sector-18 road (from GT road to Barsat road pool) under Forest Division and District Panipat, Haryana.

2. Acting upon the above mentioned complaint of Shri PP Kapoor, Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi has directed this office to investigate the above mentioned matter and report the Ministry accordingly.

3. In compliance to the directions of the Union Ministry, undersigned was directed by the Dy. DGF(C) to carry out the site inspection of the proposed road widening of Sector 18 (from GT road to Barsat road pool) under Forest Division and District Panipat, Haryana.

4. Pursuant to the instructions of the Dy. DGF (C), undersigned reached the site on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at 10.30 A.M. where DCF Panipat with her field staff, User Agency, i.e., PWD (B&R) Panipat, Irrigation Department Panipat and Complainant were also present. At the outset, undersigned explained about the purpose of the proposed site visit and discussed other facts in detail with Team at the site, which comprises the following members:

Ravinder Singh	:	Technical Officer (Forestry) Grade-I, Representative of NRO, MoEF&CC, Chandigarh,
Ms. Nivedita, IFS	:	DCF, Forest Division, Panipat,
Jai Kishan	:	Range Officer, Forest Division, Panipat,
Neeraj Kumar	:	Forest Guard, Forest Division, Panipat,
SP Singla	:	SDO, PWD B&R, Panipat,
Harish Kumar	:	Jr. Engineer, Irrigation Department, Panipat,
PP Kapoor	:	Complainant.

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5. On the site DCF, Panipat was requested to explain the facts of the complain. She explained that till date no proposal for diversion of forest land for construction of proposed road has been received in the forest department. The area in question is protected forest and ownership of the said land is with Irrigation Department, Panipat. Neither any construction work nor any tree cutting has been done on the proposed site. The DCF, Panipat further explained that as per enumeration list there are only 2,005 trees including 1,250 plants instead of 15,000 green trees as alleged by the complainant.

6. SDO, PWD, B&R, Panipat explained that acting upon the public announcement No. 22690 dated 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 of Hon'ble CM Haryana, on the request of Irrigation Department, PWD, B&R has prepared the proposal for construction of Sector 18 road (from GT road to Barsat road pool) under Forest Division and District Panipat, Haryana. The project is being prepared for seeking prior approval of Government of India under FCA, 1980 and still pending with PWD (B&R), Panipat. On question why the adjoining 100 feet road is not being used instead of construction of the proposed 30 feet road, he explained that the 100 feet road has been prepared by the HUDA and they refused to use this road for general public as the same has been constructed only for residents of their colony hence, this 30 feet road has been proposed.

7. ALLEGATIONS OF THE COMPLAINANT:

The PWD (B&R), Panipat and Irrigation Department have prepared a project proposal for construction of Sector 18 road (from GT road to Barsat road pool) under Forest Division and District Panipat, Haryana in which 15,000 green trees will be axed whereas 100 feet wide alternate parallel road is available.

8. ACTUAL POSITION ON THE GROUND:

The area in question is under the ownership of Irrigation Department which has been declared as protected forest area. Total 2,005 trees including 1,250 plants are standing over the proposed site instead of 15,000 green trees alleged by the complainant. Neither any tree/plant have been felled nor any forest area have been found damaged on the site. Alternate parallel road of 100 feet wide is also available just about 90 mtrs away from the proposed site. As per the DCF, Panipat, no project proposal has been received by the Forest Department, Panipat under FCA, 1980 for widening of the said road.

9. FINDING IN THE INQUIRY

The complaint made by Shri PP Kapoor, RTI Activist, Samalkha, District Panipat, Haryana has been discussed in details with team comprises

*(Signature)*  
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DCF Panipat with her field staff, User Agency, i.e., PWD (B&R) Panipat, Irrigation Department Panipat, owner of the land in question and Complainant. After detailed celebration on each and every possible aspects to save the trees as well as forest area, joint inspection was carried out on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. Following are the observations:

- (i) The area in question is under the ownership of Irrigation Department which has been declared as protected forest and 2,005 trees including 1,250 plants are standing over it.
- (ii) As alternate parallel road of 100 feet wide is also available just about 90 mtrs away from the proposed site and no project proposal has been received by the Forest Department, Panipat under FCA, 1980 for widening of the said road, hence, the question for widening of proposed Sector 18 road (from GT road to Barsat road pool) over the protected forest area is does not arise.
- (iii) If, in the future, the proposed proposal for widening of Sector-18 road (from GT road to Barsat road pool) over the protected forest area is received by the forest department for prior approval of Government of India under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the same will not be considered for approval because the alternate road is available in this case.

  
(Ravinder Singh)

Technical Officer (Forestry), Grade-I,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,  
Northern Regional Office, Chandigarh  
Dated: Tuesday, December 03, 2019