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

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Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj New Delhi- 110003, **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 in favour of Sh. Tepender Singh Saini, for non-forestry use of 6.2255 ha. of forest land for extraction of Sand, Stone and Bajri from Yamuna River, within the jurisdiction of Paonta Sahib Forest Division, District Sirmour in the State of Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Min/30477/2017)- regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Himachal Pradesh letter No.Ft.48-3694/2017 (FCA) dated 08.08.2024 forwarded additional information in response to this Ministry's letter dated 29.07.2024 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 stated that In-principle approval for the instant proposal shall be considered provided that the State Government submit a Valid Letter of Intent as the existing LoI has expired on 20.8.2024.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to furnish a valid Letter of Intent, as indicated above, for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sd-

(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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