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

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**Dated: As per E-Sign**

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal.

**Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for renewal of 4.6 ha Protected Forest land for mining of reserve of ochre, White Clay and Laterite in favour of Shri Sharad Kumar Bansal in Satna District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/33660/2018) - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/33660/2018/5351 dated 23.10.2024 which has been forwarded by the Regional Office, Bhopal as per Sub Rule 2 (v) of Rule 10 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023. After examining the proposal, the following have been observed:

- i. The chronology of the project with details of events along with the relevant enclosures are required for complete understanding of the instant proposal.
- ii. As per the provisions under Van (Sanrakshn Evam Samvardhan Adhiniyam), 1980 it has been mentioned that all mining projects for which diversion of forest land have been approved before 27.05.2015, the UA should have obtained approval of forest land in the safety zone. However, to enable various user agencies to obtain approval of safety zone, an opportunity was given by the Ministry for the user agencies to deposit NPV (for forest area located in the safety zone) by 31.03.2023 along with simple interest of 12% w.e.f. 1.04.2018 onwards till the deposit is made and to obtain approval

under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of forest area located in the safety zone by 30.09.2023. The status of safety zone in the instant proposal along with compliance as per the guidelines as mentioned above needs submission. Further, the user agency has not mentioned the safety zone area in component wise break-up in online Part-I and the KML file of safety zone has not been uploaded.

- iii. The Chapter-7, Para 7.8 (i) (e) issued under Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 says that "any proposal for diversion of forest for mining involving any forest land in respect of which diversion has been approved earlier will invariably be submitted along with the present status of compliance of the conditions of all previous FCs duly certified by the concerned Regional Officer of the MoEF&CC and the same needs submission. The State Govt. shall provide the detailed compliance report to the concerned Regional Office for further needful in this regard.
- iv. The mining lease has been extended over an area of 8 ha though the user agency has already surrendered an area of 3.4 ha. This needs clarification wrt the area for which the mining lease is valid.
- v. The user agency reported that 0.028 ha forest land is required for approach road for which an approach road with a width of 5.7 feet has been proposed whereas the historical satellite imagery shows that an approach road approx. 14 feet (width) is in existence. This needs clarification with regard to the actual area under the use of this road.
- vi. Compensatory afforestation has been proposed over degraded forest land comprising an area of 8 ha owing to failed plantation work carried out earlier over the non-forest land comprising an area of 8 ha. However, the State Govt. has not uploaded/ submitted the KML file of degraded forest land identified and proposed for CA. Further, it may be clarified that why the plantation is being proposed on degraded forest land and not on the same non-forest land. The State Govt. is requested to comment on the sit suitability of the non forest land identified earlier of CA plantation.

Accordingly, it is requested that the information/documents, as indicated above shall be submitted for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

**Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.