

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

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To

Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Uttarakhand
Dehradun

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section -2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for renewal of collection of minor mineral from 181.0 ha of forest land of Kosi River for 10 years in favour of Uttarakhand Forest Development Corporation, Mining Division, Ramnagar under Terai Western Forest Division, Ramnagar, and District Nainital, Uttarakhand (Online No. FP/UK/MINING/147885/2021)

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to your online proposal No. 1257/FP/UK/MIN/147953/2021 16.11.2022 on the above mentioned subject for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and inform that after examination of the additional information the following has been observed:

1. The State/UA has applied for the renewal of diversion of forest land for next 10 years, however, the mining plan has been approved upto February 2023 only. Further, the State has informed that the mining plan is under process for approval for the next five years, whereas renewal is being sought for 10 years. In this regard, the approved mining plan for a time period commensurate with the period for which diversion is being sought shall be submitted.
2. Cost Benefit Analysis has not been submitted as per the format prescribed in the FCA, Handbook of guidelines dated 28.03.2019.
3. The State has informed that the DSR report has been prepared only up to 2018. Fresh DSR for the proposed area is required to be submitted as per the Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining Guidelines- January 2020.
4. The supportive documents in the compliance of the conditions no. (v) of the Stage-II approval dated 15.02.2013 wherein it has been mentioned that "the collection of minor minerals after 31st day of January in a year shall be allowed only after receipt of certificate from the Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Uttarakhand constituted vide Government of Uttarakhand's letter No. 14-1/X-3-13-08(14)/2008-T.C. dated 29.01.2013 to the effect that the conditions stipulated in the approval accorded under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the instructions issued by the Monitoring Committee have satisfactorily been complied in collection of the minor minerals during the previous calendar year, may be provided.

Yours Sincerely,

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Govt. of Uttarakhand, Department of Forest, Dehradun.
2. Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Dehradun.
3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA) Govt. of Uttarakhand, Department of Forest, Dehradun.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of the FC Division for uploading on the PARIVESH portal.

