

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

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Date: 23-12-2025

To

The Principal Secretary (Forest)
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 communications received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh on the above subject related to renewal of approval dated 21.07.2009 granted by the Central Government for diversion 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.

In this regard, it is informed that the matter has been examined by the Ministry in light of the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, along with the Rules and Guidelines issued thereunder. In accordance with Para 3.9(iv) and Para 7.4(iii) of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications issued by the Ministry on 29.12.2023, it is hereby clarified that the validity of approval granted under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be deemed extended for a period co-terminus with the validity of the lease granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, subject to the conditions stipulated therein and the following additional conditions:

- i. The area of the mining lease will be revised to 4.6 ha corresponding to the forest land approved by the Central Government under the Van (Sanrakshan Efvam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and accordingly, the Mining Plan corresponding to 4.6 ha of land involved in the lease shall be prepared by the State.
- ii. In the event that the State Government fails to revise the mining lease referred to in para (i) above, it shall obtain prior approval of the Central Government for the additional 3.4 ha of forest land that continues to form part of the mining lease.
- iii. The State Government shall also furnish a justification to Ministry as to why the extension of lease granted on 20.01.2021, in respect of 3.4 ha of forest land without approval under the *Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan)*

Adhinyam, 1980, should not be treated as a violation of the provisions of the said *Adhinyam*.

- iv. The State Government shall prepare a scheme for the reforestation of land provided by the user agency for raising compensatory afforestation along with the details of funds to be arranged by the State. Detail of the same shall be Ministry before the onset of mining operations.
- v. The State Government and the User agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the approval dated 21.07.2009 and compliance of relevant Guidelines issued by the Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

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

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4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.