

No.Ft.48-3752/2018 (FCA)

H.P. Forest Department.

From: Nodal Officer-cum-CCF (FCA)
O/o Pr.CCF, H.P, Shimla-1.

To: The Dy. Director General of Forests (Central),
Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Regional Office, (North-Central -Zone) 25, Subhash Road,
Dehradun-248001(Uttarakhand)

Dated Shimla-1, the **4 MAR 2021**

Subject: **Diversion of 17.311 hectare of forest land in favour of Mahinder Singh and Company Mining Project for the Sand Stone and Bajri Project, within the jurisdiction of paonta Forest Division, Distt. Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No. 8B/HP/05/39/2020/FC/202 dated 28.05.2020 on the subject cited above.

2. The pointwise reply to the observations as raised vide your above referred letter is submitted as below:-

1. Mining Officer of District Sirmour has reported that this lease conforms to the DSR (as per EMSMG-2020 and SSMMG-2016 issued by MoEF & CC) of the District Sirmour, H.P (copy enclosed).
2. The issue of conservations of riverine wildlife biodiversity will be fully addressed during the proposed mining as per direction given by CWLW. Undertaking is enclosed herewith.
3. In this regard, it is submitted that CA area has been personally inspected by the DFO Paonta Sahib and the area proposed for CA has density less than 0.4.
4. As the area touches boundary of "Assan Barage Conservations Reserve" in Uttarakhand State, therefore, comments regarding adverse impact on such conservation area are still awaited from Uttarakhand Government. The comments of PCCF-Wildlife and CWLW, H.P. are enclosed herewith.
5. An undertaking as submitted by user agency w.r.t point No. 5 is enclosed herewith.
6. In this regard, it is, submitted that safety zone area (3.68 ha) form a part of the forest land for which present diversion case is proposed (17.311 ha). As such the CA area of 35 hectare already includes the CA for safety zone area. Apart from this bamboo plantation shall be raised between the mining area in the river bed and the nearby agriculture field at the project cost and the user agency has already submitted and undertaking for payment of cost of protection and regeneration of safety zone area.
7. Employment details at Para-E (iii) of Part-I has been corrected accordingly.
8. Brief profile of lease and comments are attached herewith.

9. Revised cost-benefit as submitted by the user agency is enclosed.
10. Extension of Letter of Intent is enclosed herewith.
11. Component wise breakup has accordingly revised against column No. B 2.4 of Part-I.
12. In this regard, it is, submitted that as per Joint Inspection Report of the committee (already placed in the proposal folder as check list No. 30-II) no mining shall be allowed within 200 meters up stream of bridge and according to Google Earth Map the distance from the bridge is above 300 meters (copy enclosed herewith).
13. Geo-reference map has accordingly been revised and uploaded against appropriate column.
14. Appropriate justification has been uploaded against column No. D (i) of Part-I.
15. In this regard, user agency has submitted that EC clearance of GoI is required for the projects above 100 hectare. Copy of the Gazette Notification dated 14.08.2018 is attached herewith.
16. The user agency has submitted that this area comes under the jurisdiction of VLC Kunja Matralion and Devi Nagar area falls under jurisdiction of MC Paonta Sahib. In this regard, user agency has again submitted a certificate from president of VLC of Kunja Matralion which is attached herewith.
17. Approval letter has been uploaded against appropriate column please.
18. Copy of approved mining plan has been uploaded against appropriate column.
19. Copy of land use plan has been uploaded against appropriate column.
20. Mineral wise detail has been provided against appropriate column please.
21. Revise map has been uploaded against column No. M -7.1. Copy of the same is also enclosed herewith.
22. Patchwise estimate of CA has now been uploaded against appropriate column.
23. Correction has been madea Para 8 (v) accordingly.
24. The project involdes diverson of 17.311 hectare of forest land only leaving a significant part of river (spanning 15 Kms. across this forest division) available for housig the winter migrates. Further, the Assan Conservations Reserve in the neighbouring State of Utrakhand can also provide alternate winter habitat.
25. It is submitted that out of 1880.1154 hectare are stipulated for CA in various diverson cases 984.55 hectare area has been distributed to the other DFOs in Naan Circle for carrying out compensatory afforestation.

Yours faithfully,

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Encls: As above:

Nodal Officer-cum-Addl.Pr.CCF (FCA)
O/o Pr. CCF, H.P. Shimla-1.

Copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

1. CCF Nahan. W.r.t his office Memo. No. 7090 dated 29.01.2021.
2. DFO Paonta.
3. M/s Mohinder Singh & Company, Mauza and Mohal Devinagar, Tehsil Paonta Sahib, Distt. Sirmour, H.P.

(Signature)
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