

Ft.48-1850/2009(FCA)
H.P. Forest Department

From

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

To

The Inspector General of Forests,
Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment & Climate Change,
(Forest Conservation Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bag Road, New Delhi-110003.

Dated Shimla-1, the

Subject: **Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Shri Prakash Chand S/o Shri Sorma Ram VPO Kunr, for renewal of 0.4087 ha. of forest land for extraction of slates in Mauza kunar Tehsil Bharmour Chamba, Tehsil Dharwala & Distt. Chamba, Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/141848/2021)-regarding.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter FC/HPB/05/43/2022 dated 1-6-2024 on the subject cited proposal.

2. The point wise reply to the observation as raised vide your above referred communication is submitted as below:-

1. The safety zone component has been included in column B 2.4 in online Part-I. Further, the KML file showing all the components of proposed mining including safety zone in distinct colors has been uploaded against appropriate column in online Part-I by user Agency.
2. Regarding the Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and the survival percentage of the planted saplings, DCF Bharmour submitted that he regrets to inform that the Afforestation efforts carried out in the previous proposal have not been successful. Despite the initial planting of saplings over the proposed 1.00 ha DFL area, the survival percentage has been significantly low, leading to the current status where no plants remain in the area. The total area originally proposed for CA is currently barren and vacant, with no visible plantation surviving. CF Chamba has submitted that this has been attributed due to various reasons such as adverse climatic conditions, long dry spell. Southern aspect to address this issue, CF Chamba and DCF Bharmour propose the Re-plantation Plan. CF has submitted that his office is committed to implementing

a revised and intensive re-plantation plan for the entire area. This area has been successfully replanted with current years maintenance fund. Further, KML file reflecting the exact location of the original proposed CA area, highlighting the current condition of the land (vacant and barren) as received from DCF Bharmour has been forwarded to your office through mail on /3/2025.

Yours sincerely,

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