



HIMACHAL PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT, PAONTA SAHIB, -173025

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Dated Paonta Sahib the 20/08/25...../

From: DCF Paonta Sahib.

To: CF Nahan.

Subject: Diversion of 17.311 ha. Forest land for extraction of Sand, Stone and Bajri from Yamuna Riverbed area, within the jurisdiction of Paonta, Sahib Forest Division, Distt Sirmour, HP (Online No. FP/HP/MIN/ 30477/2017).

Memo:

Kindly refer to IRO office (GoI, MoEF& CC) letter No. I/7841/2022& file No.FC/HP/05/39/2020/FC dated 25.03.2022, received through your good office through FCA portal on the subject cited above.

In this regard, it is intimated that the following observations as raised by the IRO office (GoI, MoEF& CC) obtained by the user agency as well as this office. The points wise detail given as under: -

1. Details of component proposed in the proposal viz. mining, safety zone/green belt area, infrastructure area etc. is required to be submitted.	The user agency updated component proposed in the proposal viz. mining, safety zone/green belt area, infrastructure area etc. mentioned in B. 2.4 of part-I of FCA portal.
2. Details of forest land, if any, involved in the approach road of 3.0 km length and in case the forest land is involved justification for not including the same into the extant proposal may be submitted.	The user agency intimated that the land involve in approach road from the proposed mining site is non-forest land (private land), which adjoin with this proposed mining lease and already inspected by the Forest Kanungoo and verified the same by the concerned field staff. Copy of map already uploaded by user agency in additional information of FCA portal at Sr. No. <u>25</u> of part-I.
3. Details of provisions with regards to level of ecologically sustainable mining material which can be harvested from the river bed as per estimates provided in the DSR report stated to be prepared as per guidelines issued by the MoEF& CC in 2016 and 2020 on the same may be submitted.	The user agency intimated that the DSR report into the matter already submitted by Mining Officer, District Sirmour as per consonance of District Survey Report and also conforms to the DSR (as per guidelines issued by the MoEF& CC in 2016 and 2020). Copy of DSR report already uploaded by user agency in additional information of FCA portal at Sr. No. <u>23</u> of part-I.
4. 05 hectare CA area of patch No. 03 (RF Kandela) is falling in Moderately Dense Forest category. Therefore, same may be reviewed and replaced with suitable degraded forest.	Revised CA area of 5 ha. of patch of degraded forest in RF Yamuna C-1 of Bhagani Range of this Division has been proposed. Revised toposheet & digital map is uploaded in online portal of FCA of part-II at Sr. No. <u>9</u> \rightarrow additional information Sr. No <u>9.10-11</u>

<p>5. As per DSS analysis, the diversion area touches the major river, Yamuna. Therefore, comments regarding its adverse impacts may be provided.</p>	<p>The user agency intimated that State Mining authority has already recommended the area for mining lease in the Yamuna river in his approved mining plan and the same (auctioned area) area also recommended in DSR report and being a river bed area this river gets recharged annually by the natural water flow. Therefore, there is no adverse impact on Yamuna River.</p>
<p>6. As per the documents provided by Nodal Officer (FCA), the distance of proposed site from Asan Wetland is 04 kms, however as per DSS analysis, the diversion area is at 230 meters from the boundary of Asan Wetland (Uttarakhand). Therefore, the distance of proposed site from Asan Wetland may again be reviewed and comments in this regard from CWLW of Uttarakhand State be submitted to this office.</p>	<p>In this regard, the user agency intimated that distance of proposed site from Asan Wetland land is already examine by concerned wildlife wing and clearly stated that there is no possibility of any adverse impact on above conservation reserve by this proposed mining.</p> <p>Apart from above user agency also requested to consider the following points with support of this context please.</p> <p>(A). that "the Distance for the proposed site of the Assan Wetland Conservation reserve is 4 Km. and there is no impact of mining. Distance certificate of the same already uploaded in additional information of FCA portal at Sr. No. 19 of Part-I".</p> <p>(B) that "copy of the Revised guidelines of the wild life division, MOEF stating i.e. mining project located within conservation reserve, and also submitted that do not require consideration by them standing committee".</p> <p>(C) that "copy of the 57* meeting of the standing committee of NBWL, the mining project outside wetland conservation reserve do not require NOC from NBWL i.e. Cases were send back for necessary action to the state of Uttarakhand copy already uploaded in additional information of FCA portal at Sr. No. 20 of Part-I (as a Annexure-3)".</p> <p>(D) that "copy of joint affidavit by the MOEF & NBWL stating no need of NOC for Assan Conservation Reserve (above conservation reserve): copy already uploaded in additional information of FCA portal at Sr. No. 21 of Part-I (as a Annexure-4)".</p>
<p>7. Since the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Col. Sherjung National Park has been finally notified on 13 January, 2022, therefore, the exact aerial distance of proposed site from ESZ of Col. Sherjung National Park may be provided</p>	<p>The user agency intimated that exact Aerial distance from the ESZ of Col. Sher Jung National Park is shown in map and distance certificate from the ESZ as issued by DFO WL Shimla are also uploaded in addition information of part-I of FCA portal at Sr. No. 22 & 24 respectively of Part-I.</p>

In view of above, the case is submitted for favour of information and further necessary action at your instance please.

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