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सेवा में,

वन संरक्षक पश्चिमी वृत्त, उत्तराखण्ड हल्द्वानी, नैनीताल

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जनपद— उधम सिंह नगर के अन्तर्गत आरक्षित वन क्षेत्र में कोसी दाबका भाग—2 से 150 है0 वन भूमि में उप खनिज चुगान (रेता, बजरी, बोल्डर) हेतु उत्तराखण्ड वन विकास निगम को 10 वर्षों की अविध के लिये अनुमित दिये जाने के संबंध में लगाई गयी EDS आपित के संबंध में।

संदर्भः

वन एवं पर्यावरण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, का पत्रांक No-8-30/2020/21-F.C./ दिनांक 10-01-2022

महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषयक संदर्भित वन एवं पर्यावरण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, का पत्रांक No-8-30/2020/21-F.C./ दिनांक 10—01—2022 पत्र द्वारा विषयगत प्रस्ताव पर 15 बिन्दुओं की आपित्त लगाई गयी थी, जिसके संबंध में याचक विभाग को लिखा गया, याचक विभाग द्वारा आपित्तयों का निराकरण करते हुए इस कार्यालय को लिखा गया है। याचक विभाग द्वारा प्रस्तुत बिन्दुवार आख्या निम्न प्रकार है:—

S.NO	Information Rased By Moef	Answer
l.	Forest area proposed for mining is located at an aerial distance of approximately 8.50 km from the boundary of Corbett Tiger Reserve therefore comments of Chief Wildlife Warden of the state may be obtained and submitted to the Ministry.	Forest area purposed for mining is located at an Aerial distance of approximately 16.50 km from the boundary of Corbett National Park.(Map & chief wild life warden comments are attached) (Annexure-I)
ii.	Status of District Survey Report, if any, prepared for Ramnagar and UdhamSingh Nagar Districts of the State in accordance with the Guidelines on Sustainable Sand Ministry in January 2020 vis-à-vis recommendation made thereof on the mining of RBM proposed in the extant proposal.	District Survey Report as per Guidelines on Sustainable Sand Ministry in January 2020 is attached.(Annexure-II)
iii.	The State Government may submit its comments whether the report prepared by the Indian Institute of Soil Water Conservation is in conformity with the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines 2016 or otherwise.	Survey report Prepared by Indian Institute of Soil Water Conservation as per the mining guide line 2016. Survey report and Letter of Indian Institute of Soil Water Conservation are attached.(Annexure-III & IV).
iv.	Purpose wise breakup of forest area, as well as non-forest and, if any involved, as envisaged in the State needs to submit by the state.	Purposed forest land for mining is 150 ha.
V.	A copy of the Mining Plan and status of its approval by the concerned competent authority in the State needs to submit by the state.	Preparation of Mining Plan is under process.
vi.	The State Government may also intimate to the Ministry, methods of mining envisaged in the proposal i.e. whether mechanized or manual?	Methods Of Mining is done manually by Hand Tool.
vii.	As the mining has been proposed over and area of 150 ha which may result into additional transportation loads and increased biotic pressure on the surrounding resources, therefore, evacuation plan of the RBM to be mined out from the area may be intimated by the State.	The mining area has been purposed for 150 ha area but as per the mining rules actual mining would be carried out only on 50% of the purposed area which would be less than 150 ha area.
viii.	Estimation of cost benefit ratio does not account for all parameters specified in the Guidelines dated 01.05.2017 issued by the Ministry, incorporated at Annexure-III of Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Therefore, cost benefit analysis needs to be re-visited by the State to ensure accounting of all specified parameters using appropriate techno-economic tools.	As per guideline Copy of Estimation of cost benefit ratio is attached. (Annexure-V)
ix.	Details of approvals, if any, granted by the Ministry in	Approval of EC of Kosi and Dabka rivers at

	the past in Ramnagar and Udham Singh Nagar Districts in the river beds of Kosi and Dabka Rivers may be intimated by the state along with approved capacity of RBM as envisaged in the EC.	Nainital district are attached (Annexure-VI, VII) but purposed sight is in district Udham singh Nagar.
х.	A detail of employment potential of the project has not been provided in the online part-I of form-A. Similarly] Part-IV does not have date recorded on it. Necessary rectifications need to be made and accordingly revised part-I and part-IV may be updated online in form-A.	Detail of employment potential are enclosed in form-A part-I and uploaded (Annexure-VIII)
xi.	Relevant portion of the Management plan which prescribed mining activities in the area in question be provided. Besides this, the relevant portion of prescription such as wildlife overlapping Working circle of the approved working plan should also be referred to cross check the claims regarding presence of wildlife and wildlife corridors in the area.	Purposed area does not belong to any wild life corridors. (Annexure-IX, X)
xii.	As per supreme court order the revenue earned in such cases should go for conservation work. In that case proposal of DFO for creating SPV and depositing money is tenable or not need to be clarified by the state.	Once the FC is granted the SPV would be created by DFO after getting approval from Govt. of Uttrakhand.
xiii.	The CA land is being done in double degraded forest land. Does it a civil soyam land? If so would it be mutated in the name of forest department and handed over for management?	(Annexure-XI enclosed) Letter No-3990/12-1 Dated 06/06/2022 Office Divisional Forest Office Narendra Nagar.
xiv.	It may be clarified whether the CA land proposed is covered with any working plan if so whether these lands are recommended for plantations?	
xv.	The report of DFO tells there are crushers established along the river and it would not be possible to check the illegal activity. What kind of crushers are they? Can they lead to illegal mining in the area? Is there any case related to Illegal mining in the range or land in question need to be locked in to.	उक्त प्रस्तावित क्षेत्र में बहुत से स्टोन क्रेशर स्थापित हैं जिनके कारण क्षेत्र में अवैध खनन की घटनायें लगातार होती रहती हैं, जिसे प्रभागीय सुरक्षा बल द्वारा पकड़ा जाता है और उनके विरूद्ध नियमानुसार भारतीय वन अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत कार्यवाही की जाती है। उक्त परिपेक्ष्य में उक्त क्षेत्र को उप खनिज चुगान हेतु खोले जाने पर अलग से स्टाफ की आवश्यकता होगी।

उक्त आपत्तियों के संबंध में याचक विभाग द्वारा उपलब्ध कराये गये संलग्नों को आपको आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित किया जा रहा है। संलग्न— उपरोक्तानुसार

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