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To,  
The Assistant Inspector General of Forest (FC Division)  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,  
Government of India,  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,  
New Delhi, 110003.

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 72.08 Ha (70.20 ha. mining + 1.88 ha Approach Road) of forest land for non-forestry purpose under mining lease bearing No. 3/FeMn/79 located at Village Caurem, Quepem Taluka in South Goa District & Division, in favour of M/s. Naraina Sinai Quritonim (Online proposal No. FP/GA/MIN/153183/2022)-reg.

Ref: - MoEF&CC, New Delhi office letter No.08-26/2022-FC dated 30/09/2022.

Sir,

With reference to, the above-cited communication dated 30.09.2022, in the above-mentioned subject; I am directed to submit herewith-requisite information / clarification / documents for further consideration of the proposal:

Sr. No.	Observation made by the Ministry.	Comments of the State of Goa
i.	The Cost benefit analysis report submitted is not signed by the concerned DFO	The signed Cost Benefit Analysis report is enclosed as <b>Annexure-I</b>
ii.	The copy of certificate issued by Chief Secretary regarding non-availability of suitable non-forest / revenue forest land was not found along with the proposal.	The Certificate of non-availability of non-forest land for CA purpose issued by the State of Goa is enclosed as <b>Annexure-II</b>



iii.	The State Govt. may be requested to submit the details of the safety zone as per para 7.9 of the comprehensive guidelines issued by this Ministry in 2019.	As per plan enclosed by user agency safety zone of 7.5-meter wide periphery to the mining lease is mentioned. This safety zone of 7.5 meter width is included in area applied for diversion. <b>(Annexure-III)</b>
iv.	As per the DSS analysis, the user agency has provided the KML file of the proposed approach road in the form of line feature instead of polygon feature.	The revised details are enclosed as <b>Annexure-IV.</b>
v.	The State Govt. is requested to comment whether the instant proposal recommended by the State for consideration of this Ministry is in accordance with the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court dtd. 07.02.2018 in S.L.P. © No.32138 of 2015	The Directorate of Mines & Geology vide letter dated 28.06.2022 has clarified that the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 07.02.2018 is not applicable in the instant case. <b>(Annexure-V).</b>
vi.	The DFO in SIR mentioned that the lease area is fully proposed for diversion as per existing FCA rules and guidelines. However, as per the mining plan approved by competent authority 28.30 ha is proposed to be used for 5 years i.e. till 2026-27. The plan w.r.t. to remaining land is not clear. In this regard the State Govt. may offer comments.	The approved mining plan (till 2026-27) is for an area of 28.30 Ha. The User agency has mentioned of plans of exploration and geological mapping in the remaining area. Further, User Agency have mentioned that in case the exploration leads to discovery of presence of suitable content of ores, then they would apply to competent authority for modification in their Mining Plan as required.
vii.	The State Govt. is requested to identify the CA land (non-forest land) as per the provisions mentioned in para 2.3 (v) of the handbook of FCA 1980 & FC rules 2003 issued in 2019. Further, the State is also requested to submit the details w.r.t. corresponding CA scheme, site suitability certificate along with the KML files to this Ministry.	In continuation to the reply at observation (ii), degraded land has been identified for carrying out Compensatory Afforestation, in forest land in Sy. No 48, 195 & 196 of Candepar Village (118 Ha) & Sy. Nos 153 & 175 of Priol Village of Ponda Taluka (48 Ha) for afforestation.  The Site Suitability Certificate, CA Scheme & KML files are attached as <b>Annexure-VI.</b>



viii .	From the mining plan submitted it is learnt that the Mining lease was granted on 1979 to 1999 which was extended to 2029. In this regard, the State Govt. is requested to provide details of the activities carried out by the User Agency in the intervening period along with the requisite approvals and documents related to compliance related to FCA and other acts and rules if any.	Details submitted by User Agency is enclosed as <b>Annexure-VII</b> .
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This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

*Nabanita Ganguly*  
 (Nabanita Ganguly, IFS)  
 Dy. Conservator of Forest  
 Monitoring & Evaluation

Encl: As above.

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**“Swachh Bharat, Swachh Goa”**