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Ft.48-5252/2021 (FCA)  
H.P. Forest Department

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

To The Deputy Inspector General of Forest,  
Sub office, Ministry of Environment,  
Forest and Climate Change, CGO Complex,  
Shivalik Khand, Longwood, Shimla, H.P  
Dated Shimla-1, the

Subject: **Diversion of 1.7674 ha. of forest land for mining lease for extraction of Sand, Stone and Bajri in Son Khad Part-III at Kalswai, Tehsil Dharampur, Distt. Mandi HP in favour of Sh. Vinod Kumar, S/o Sh. Swami Ram, Village Trambala, P.O. Longni, Tehsil Dharampur, Distt. Mandi HP, within the jurisdiction of Joginder Nagar Forest Division, Distt. Mandi. HP (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/119019/2021).**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No. FC/HPB/56/2023 dated 20-7-2023 on the subject cited above.

2. The point wise observation raised vide above referred communication is attended as under:-

1. Revised KML file has been uploaded on the PARIVESH Portal against Column No. C(ii) (a) in Part-I.
2. Revised KML file has been uploaded against Column C(ii)(a) in Part-I. user agency has further submitted that another Proposal vide online proposal No. (FP/HP/MIN/129370/2021 has been submitted to GoI for diversion of 0.7984 Ha. for mining purpose in favor of M/s Vinod Kumar. The average width of the river at the mining point is 80 Meter hence it is not possible to leave the 50 Meter strip on the both side of stream. Most oftenly the water stream gets on changing its path, hence it is not possible to find the middle of the river bed. However, possibility has been explored to minimize the disturbance of river stream/riverine ecology and KML file has been revised and uploaded accordingly.
3. The proposed project is adjacent to the existing road and does not require approach access and NOC of HPPWD has been uploaded against additional information detail at Sr. No. 22.
4. Layout Plan of the project has been uploaded on the PARIVESH Portal against additional information detail at Sr. No. 25.
5. CCF Mandi has intimated that the Son Khad has a wide angle at the mining site, due to this most often the water stream gets on changing its path, hence it is not possible to find the middle of the river bed. However, mid stream mining in accordance with the approved mining plan would lead to systematic channelization of river bed and minimize chances of boulders overflowing the banks. This would also protect the adjoining area from the fury of monsoon flood.
6. The undertaking has been uploaded at Sr. No. 29 against additional information detail of Part-I.
7. The user agency has submitted that the geology of the proposed area is as such that one fourth of the river bed on each bank of Son Khad cannot be leaved untouched. However, possibility has been explored to minimize the

disturbance of river stream/riverine ecology. has a wide angle at the mining site, most often the water stream gets on changing its path, hence it is not possible to find the middle of the river bed. The mid stream mining in accordance with the approved mining plan would lead to systematic channelization of river bed and minimize chances of boulders overflowing the banks. This would also protect the adjoining area from the fury of monsoon flood.

8. Undertaking for the same has been uploaded against additional information detail at Sr.No. 28 on the portal.
9. The mined area being part of the river course cannot be reclaimed for any other purposes the land under active mining would always remain river bed during as well as post mining. The mid- stream mining in accordance with the approved mining plan would lead to systematic channelization of river bed and minimize chances of boulders overflowing the banks. This would also protect the adjoining area from the fury of monsoon flood. However, the reclamation detail as per approved mining plan has been uploaded at Sr. No.21 against additional information detail of Part-I.
10. It is submitted that the Project Proponent/Lessee i.e. Vinod Kumar has not any mining lease as yet. It is further submitted that there is no existing mining unit in Son Khad and its periphery. The requirement of minerals of local area are being fulfilled by procuring the sand, stone & Bajri from stone crusher. Which does not meet out the requirement of local people hence proposed mining will be beneficial for local people to meet out their requirement of sand, Stone & Bajri and this will decrease the chances of illegal/unscientific mining in the area.
11. Necessary correction at Para-H of Part-I has been done. However, it is submitted that the EC is under process and will be submitted after getting forest clearance as SEIAA has imposed the condition that "The Environment Clearance shall be issued by the SEIAA after submission of FCA clearance, in case applicable in the present case being government land." Copy of EC conditions uploaded at Sr. No. 19 against additional information detail of Part-I.
12. An undertaking along with certificate of lease/ Company for the same has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail at Sr. No. 26 in Part-I.
13. The necessary correction against appropriate columns has been done.
14. Latest Letter of Intent has been uploaded on the portal against Column No. M-1(c) in Part-I.
15. In this regard user agency has submitted that there is no existing mining unit in Son Khad and its periphery. The requirement of minerals of local area is being fulfilled by procuring the sand, stone & Bajri from stone crusher. Which does not meet out the requirement of local people hence proposed mining will be beneficial for local people to meet out their requirement of sand, Stone & Bajri and this will decrease the chances of illegal/unscientific mining in the area.
16. The following mitigation measures will be adopted during execution of the project:-1. The stream of the river will not be disturbed and all possible measures will be adopted for smooth flowing of the water stream so that riverine ecology could not be disturbed. In view of the effect on climate, mining contract area is very small and mining will be confined within the river bed.
  2. Measures will be taken to prevent the cutting of river banks and exceeding 2 m depth limit from the river bed surface.

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3. Since no blasting will be involved during the extraction of minor minerals like sand, stone & Bajri and very little dust will be generated during transportation, which would negligible disturbance to air quality of Air & Noise will test through different station for safety of the Environment.
4. There is already vegetation along the banks which falls outside the contracted area hence, there will be no effect on flora & Fona.
5. Necessary arrangement shall be made at the stop piles to prevent silt & sediments flowing in water.
6. No. effluent will be generated due to mining activity. Undertaking for the same has been uploaded against additional information detail at Sr. No. 27 in Part-I.
17. Revenue Papers (Tatima, Jamabandi etc.) has been uploaded on the PARIVESH Portal against additional information detail at Sr. No. 30 in Part-I.
18. The 1 ha. area out of 3.53 ha. proposed CA area is not under MDF as the density is being shown due to the shrubs on the said patch of land. The canopy density of proposed CA area is 0.4%. However, revised KML file and DGPS MAP with TOPO Sheet has been uploaded on the Portal in Part-II.
19. The CA has been proposed in ND-442, Cwhejkhobla, which is notified as DPF under Indian Forest Act 1927 vide GoHP. Notification No. Fts (F) 5-1/80 dt. 18.08.1980. However, copy of working plan showing the proposed CA area is attached herewith. Beside, relevant details filled in Para-13(i) of Part-II.
20. Revised NoC from Jal Shakti Vibhag has been uploaded on the Portal against additional information detail at Sr. No. 23 in Part-I.
21. NoCs from concerned departments has been uploaded on the Parivesh Portal against additional information detail at Sr. No. 22 & 20 respectively.
22. It is confirmed that the proposed mining conforms to the DSR of Distt. Mandi [as per EMSMG 2020 (guidelines for Enforcement and Monitoring of Sand Mining in January2020) and SSMMG-2016 (Sustainable Sand Mining Management Guidelines (SSMMG) issued in 2016) issued by MoEF&CC of the Mandi District. Further, a letter from Department of Industries has been uploaded against additional information detail at Sr. No. 24 in Part-I

Yours faithfully,

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