

No. D-V/285/G/ 9495  
HP Forest Department

Dated Chamba, the 14/03/2023

From: Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Chamba-176 310.

To Nodal Officer-Cum-APCCF(FCA)  
O/o Pr. CCF, H.P. Shimla.

Subject: - **Application for obtaining approval of Central Government for renewal Mining Lease for extraction of slates in Mohal Kunr over 0.4087 hectare forest land within Bharmour Forest Division, District Chamba.**

**Memo: -**

Kindly refer to GoI, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF letter No. FC/HPB/05/43/2022 dated 29.12.2022 on the subject cited above.

2. In this connection, it is submitted that the observations as raised by the GoI, IRO, MoEF &CC vide letter under reference have been attended by the user agency as well as DFO Bharmour and the point wise reply to the EDS as per submission of DFO Bharmour is given as under: -

1. A legible copy of Landscape map showing the approved/proposed/existing mining projects for hill slopes mining in district has been uploaded in additional information in Part-I.
2. The guidelines issued by the Ministry have been complied/ implemented in the proposed mining lease and is in conformation with the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court, Ministry Guidelines is in 2016 and 2020. However, the District Survey Report showing this mining lease area has already been uploaded on the portal.
3. Reclamation Plan for the proposed mining area which to be implemented after the closing/completion of mining activities over this area has also been uploaded on the portal against additional information duly authenticated by DFO Bharmour.
4. Needful has been done on the PARIVESH Portal in online Part-I. The name of mineral is mentioned now as "others" in online portal against column L(i), Para M 5.2, and para M-7, because there is no mineral is mentioned as "Extraction of Slates" in the list under mineral in the Parivesh Portal.
5. The Unit of estimated reserves is in "MT", as the site is restricted and only can mentioned the numeric values. Also, in the editing mode there is found written that the quantity should be mentioned in million tones.
6. Layout Plant and KML file showing all the components with distinct colors duly authenticated by DFO Bharmour has been uploaded on the portal in online Part-I against additional information. KML file has been revised and uploaded against appropriate column by User Agency. In the Layout Plan area of Mining extraction, dumping yard and Safety Zone has been shown clearly. But, it is clarified that the area shown in safety zone is not added in component wise breakup in online portal, because this proposal is for renewal of mining lease and is not for diversion of forest land. In this proposal the diversion of forest land was accorded by the GoI, MOEF on dated 02.09.2010 and by the time there was no such

guidelines to add the safety zone area as component for diversion. And, at this stage, i.e. Renewal of mining lease no change in the area already diverted can be made in online portal. However, as per the mining guidelines, the safety zone 7.5 meters around the mining lease is/shall be maintained.

7. FRA certificate along with all prescribed annexures and record of consultation & meeting with Gram Sabha/FRC of all concerned villages has been uploaded against appropriate column in online Part-I.
8. This has already been clarified in the reply to Point No. 6 (above), however, the same has is again submitted that this proposal is for renewal of mining lease and is not for diversion of forest land. In this proposal the diversion of forest land was accorded by the GoI, MoEF on dated 02.09.2010 and by the time there was no such guidelines to add the safety zone area as component for diversion. And, at this stage, i.e. Renewal of mining lease no change in the area already diverted for this mining can be made in online portal. However, as per the mining guidelines, the safety zone 7.5 meters around the mining lease is/shall be maintained. Further, your self is also requested that the area 0.2154 hectare (spreading 7.5 meters around the mining lease) may kindly be approved as safety zone for the mining lease.
9. It is clarified that earlier, by erroneously the few important and unique were mentioned, whereas the necessary correction as per the field report/as per the record available in this office was made in the online portal. It is against clarified and certified that the species found in the proposed mining lease area PINUS WALICHIANA, and Khalij Pheasant, and no important /unique specie is found in the area proposed for mining
10. Undertaking of User Agency to pay the cost of Plantation of (100 Plants) along with bill for plantation of 100 plants (as per para guidelines 2.6 (i) (d) has been uploaded on the portal against additional information in online Part-II. Further, the undertaking to pay the cost of afforestation on 0.3231-hectare area i.e. one and half time of the area of safety zone is also uploaded on the portal. The area under safety zone is 0.2154 Hectare. The CA scheme of 0.3231 hectare on degraded forest as per FCA guidelines Para 2.6 (ii) has been prepared and uploaded against additional information in online Part-II please.
11. In clarification to this point, it is submitted that no any public or natural stream is existing inside the proposed lease.

The documents as annexed above are sent herewith for favour of your information and necessary action under FCA-1980 please.

Encl: As above.

  
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Copy is forwarded to DFO Bharmour with reference to his office Memo. No. 6244 dated 06.03.2023 for information please.

  
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