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From:- CCF Rampur.

To: Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA)
O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF)HP

Subject:- Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evan Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Bushahr Laghu Udyog, VPO Jhakri, Tehsil Rampur Bushahr for non-forestry use of 2.1532 ha. of Protected Forest (1.4612 ha. for mining lease and saety zone, 0.3400 ha. for approach road and 0.3520 ha. for staking of raw material) for already established Stone Crusher at Pashada, P.O. Khaneri, within jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division, Tehsil Rampur Bushahr, District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. (Online No. FP/HP/MIN/34194/2018).

Memo:

Kindly refer to GoI letter No. 1/100854/2025 dated 07-03-2025 on the subject cited above.

2 The point wise reply to the observations raised by GoI is furnished as under:-

Sr. No	Observation	Reply
1.	DFO, Rampur Forest Division has mentioned in his Part-II that there is no violation of Adhiniyam, Whereas, as per DSS report non-forestry work is visible in the lower part of proposed area. Clarification in this regard needs to be submitted by the State Government. If there is any violation in the area, detailed violation report mentioning extent and nature of violation and action taken against the officers responsible for Violation may be submitted.	DCF Rampur has intimated that the lower part of the proposed area where non-forestry work is visible is part of the lease granted for establishment of Stone crusher and quarry which was approved by the central government under FCA 1980 (copy of approval Annexure-1 uploaded as additional information at Sr. No. 16 of Part-II.) and hence the non-forestry work therein doesn't fall under purview of any violation. The same is being verified by a fresh demarcation being done conjointly with the revenue department and the results of the same shall be communicated in the due course. Also, what is visible on the DSS is a land slide which had occurred in the vicinity of the said stone crusher and quarry site. This slide was attributed to heavy rainfall and not due to the operations of the user agency. The details of the same have been verified by a Joint Inspection Report of 2010 (Annexure -2) uploaded as additional information at Sr. No. 16 of Part-II. It is further intimated that for the said lower part the user agency has also applied for the renewal of forest clearance vide online Proposal No. FP/HP/IND/35171/2018.

2.	Mining plan was issued by Department of Industries vide letter No. Udyog Bhu (Khani-4) Laghu-9/2015-13775 dated 31.03.2018 for a period of 5 years. Revised mining plan needs to be submitted.	User agency clarified that the mining plan has been approved for a period of five years from the date of execution of mining lease deed (Annexure-3) uploaded as additional information at Sr. No. 16 of Part-II. However, the mining lease deed shall only be executed upon the final approval under FCA. Thus as of date the mining plan approved on 31.03.2018 remains valid. Approval Letter of Mining Plan has been uploaded at Column No M-2 (iii) in online Part-I.
3.	Site inspection report submitted by DFO, Rampur along with the proposal is done in 2018, almost 6 years has been lapsed. During the intervening period of almost 6 years, forest composition might have been changed. Therefore, a revised site inspection report may be submitted as on today.	DCF Rampur has intimated that the forest composition in the said area has largely remained the same (as confirmed from Google earth imagery). Also, a site inspection was done on April 4, 2025 and the report is uploaded as additional information at Sr. No. 17 of Part-II.

4.	In the proposal, width of the road was mentioned as 14 mtr, Regional Office in their EDS dated 14.06.2022 had requested State Government to review and revise the average width of the approach road in accordance with FC guideline. Wherein, the State Government have replied in their reply that DFO, Rampur has intimated that the average width of the proposed road has been reduced to 5 mtrs. In this regard, due to reduction in width of the road, change in area proposed for road and total area proposed for diversion, if any, may be intimated by the State Government.	<p>Justification for the proposed Haulage Road, It is clarified that the width of the road is 8m instead of 5m. The error was caused owing to the earlier reply of the user agency wherein they had inadvertently mentioned the width to be 5m which was accepted by this office. It is now clarified by the user agency that the actual required width of the road is 8m.</p> <p>Generally, the width of road is 5-7 mtrs as per PWD Specification. However, the terrain of the proposed haulage road in on a steep gradient at this terrain it would be difficult to transport the excavated material to crushing site. Therefore, proposed width has been proposed to 8 mtrs with a safe gradient of 1/14. For protection of the haulage road retaining wall or protection wall needs to be constructed, which 2 mtrs of space needs either side of the road.</p> <p>Thus, the 8m wide haulage road with 2m wide retaining walls are part of Khasra no14/1 measuring 3400 sqm. The haulage road with 8m width occupies 2083 sqm. The remaining 1317 sqm of the Khasra area has been added to the area reserved for ancillary activities including stacking in Khasra No. 22/1 measuring 3520 sqm. Thus, the total area of ancillary activities site is 4837 sqm. Even the Joint Inspection Report dated 18-</p>
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		03-2017 has stated that the Kh. No. 14/1 measuring 3400 sqm and Kh. No. 22/1 measuring 3520 sqm can be used as approach road and for other ancillary activities. The said adjustment may thus be allowed as the two Khasra conjoint each other. Thus, there is no real change in the total area sought for diversion.
5.	An area of 0.352 ha forest land has been proposed for stacking of raw materials. Justification for the same needs to be submitted. Further, the State Government may also explore the possibility of shifting the same to non-forest land and revised area, if any, may be intimated to the Ministry.	As clarified under EDS 4, area proposed for Raw material stacking is .4837 ha instead of the 0.3520 reported earlier. The Site Appraisal Committee in their joint inspection has approved the said area for stacking of raw material. The user agency has expressed its importance to the said project. As conveyed by the user agency, per year 30000 MT of raw material shall be produced per annum. This material needs to be stacked before being processed in the crusher. On these two grounds the required appears to be justified. Further, there is no NON-Forest Land available near to the site due to applicability of the notification of 1952. Non availability of non- forest land certificate issued by the DC is also uploaded as additional information at Sr. No. 6 of Part-I.
6.	Proposed forest land for diversion is located at an approx. aerial distance of 8.39 km from Rupri Bhaba WLS and 9.86 km in Daranghati WLS. Comments from PCCF (Wildlife)/CWLW from conservation point of view and with regards to distance from ESZ for Rubi Bhaba WLS and Daranghati WLS needs to be submitted.	Comment of PCCF Wildlife has been uploaded as additional information at Sr. No 5 Part II.
7	Calculated area of shape file/ KML file of Forest land proposed for diversion is 2.70 ha. whereas, area proposed for diversion is 2.1532 ha. Discrepancy of 0.5468 ha is observed. Revised KML file (component wise) For exact area proposed for diversion needs to be submitted.	Revised and corrected KML file, as submitted by user agency has been uploaded at appropriate columns of online Part-I.
8	As per DSS, observation based on Google Earth solid structure is visible in area proposed for CA. Clarification in the regard needs to be submitted by the State Government.	Revised Map/KML of CA has been uploaded at appropriate columns of online Part II.
9	Legal status of proposed CA site cannot be verified due to unavailability of RF/PF boundary for the State of Himachal Pradesh on DSS. State Government is requested to submit KML file of	DCF Rampur has intimated that CA area falls between DPF Sukigad 113 and UF Shandal detail uploaded in online Part II Colum 9 Sr. No. 2. KML files of compartments of Rampur FD as obtained

	compartment boundary of area proposed for Compensatory Afforestation.	from GIS cell Shimla have been uploaded.
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This is for favour of information and further necessary action please.

Chief Conservator of Forests
Rampur Bushahr

