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To

Nodal Officer –cum- PCCF H.P. Shimla

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/S Bushahr Laghu Udyog, VPO-Jhakri, Tehsil-Rampur Bushahr for non-forestry use of 0.0934 ha of Protected Forest (0.062 ha) & Gair Mumkin Machine (0.0314 ha) for renewal of already established Stone Cruhser at Pashada, PO-Khaneri within the jurisdiction of Rampur Division, Tehsil-Rampur Bushahr, District Shimla, HP (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/IND/35171/2018)-regarding.

Memo:

Kindly refer to Gol letter No. 1/137614/2025 Dated 13.10.2025 on the subject cited above. The point wise reply to the observation raised by Gol is furnished as under: -

Sr. No.	Observation	Reply
1.	The Letter of Intent (LOI) was valid until 24.08.2025 and has now expired. A valid LOI needs to be submitted.	The validity of Lol for granting of mining lease has been extended by State Geologist, Himachal Pradesh for further two years w. e. f. 25.8.2025 vide letter No. Udyog-Bhu (Khani-4) Laghu-9/2015 - 11059 Dated 7.2.2026. The fresh Lol has been uploaded as additional information at Sr. 24 of Part-I.
2.	The DFO has mentioned in Part II that 0.0934 ha of forest land is applied for renewal for the establishment of a stone crusher by M/s Bushahr Laghu Udyog. However, in the title mentioned in Part -I, it refers to the renewal of diversion of the stone crusher. The State Government shall clarify whether the proposal is for renewal or for the establishment of a new stone crusher.	The instant proposal is for renewal of the diversion of Govt. land for <i>already established</i> Stone Crusher which was approved by the MoEF&CC vide Approval letter No. 9-414/97-ROC dated 18.08.2006. Necessary correction has been done.
3.	In the component-wise break-up provided in the updated Part-I, 0.011 ha has been proposed for the approach road. However, the KML file for the road has not been submitted along with the proposal. The KML file must be uploaded on the PARIVESH portal and the Ministry should be duly informed.	The user agency has uploaded the revised KML file of proposed approached road in the Sr. No. C of online Part-I
4.	It is observed that the same user agency has submitted Proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/34194/2018 for the	The User Agency has submitted two interlinked proposals concerning a unified project site. While the operations

	<p>diversion of 2.1532 ha of Protected Forest Land (comprising 1.4612 ha for mining lease and safety zone, 0.3400 ha for the approach road, and 0.3520 ha for stacking of raw material). The present proposal pertains to the diversion of forest land for a crusher plant and a road. The State Government is therefore requested to clarify whether these two proposals are interlinked. If they are, the reason for submitting them separately may kindly be provided.</p>	<p>are interdependent, they have been submitted separately to comply with the distinct procedural requirements of the Forest (Conservation) Act (FCA), 1980:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal No. FP/HP/IND/35171/2018 (Form-B): This application pertains to the renewal of an existing forest land diversion where the stone crusher is already established. Per statutory guidelines, renewal cases must be processed using Form-B. • Proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/34194/2018 (Form-A): This is a fresh proposal for the diversion of an additional 2.1532 hectares of forest land. This land is required for mining raw materials to sustain the aforementioned stone crusher. As this involves "fresh" forest land, it must be submitted under Form-A. <p>The User Agency maintains that because the FCA provides separate formats for renewals and fresh diversions, these requests could not be consolidated into a single application. Specifically, the renewal of the existing site (Form-B) cannot legally encompass the request for additional mining area (Form-A).</p>
5.	<p>It is noted from the reply submitted by the State Government in response to the EDS raised by the Regional Office of this Ministry on 30.01.2025 that the user agency has applied for obtaining the NOC from the concerned Road Department, and that the same will be submitted prior to Stage-II approval. The State Government is therefore requested to furnish the said NOC at the earliest.</p>	<p>The user agency has submitted that the process of obtaining NoC is under progress with MoRTH and same will be issued after depositing access permission Fee of Rs. 3.00 Lacs to the NHAI. The user agency commits that the NoC will be submitted after getting Stage-I/In-Principal Approval and before Stage 2 from MoEF&CC (explained in the uploaded document as additional information at Sr. 25 Para No. 5 & also uploaded undertaking at Sr. No. 17 of Part-I).</p>
6.	<p>As per the DSS report, there is a discrepancy between the previously approved area and the area now proposed for renewal. The State Government is requested to submit</p>	<p>The revised KML with necessary correction has been uploaded in online Col. No. C of Part-I by the user agency.</p>

	the correct and updated KML file accordingly.	
7.	As per the DSS report, certain structures are visible within the proposed forest area. The State Government is requested to provide specific comments and clarification regarding the same.	DCF Rampur has intimated that the structures visible on the proposed site are the remains of the damaged Stone Crusher Plant that had been installed on the diverted site (and now for which the renewal from MoEF&CC has been applied for).



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