

No. HPFD- F05/212/2025-FCA,
Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh

From: Nodal Officer-cum-PCCF (FCA),
O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF), H.P.

To: The Additional Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation),
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
GoI, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh, New Delhi-110003.

Dated Shimla-1, the

Subject: Diversion of 17.311 hectare of forest land in favour of Mohinder Singh and Company Mining Project for the Sand Stone and Bajri Project, within the jurisdiction of Paonta Forest Division, Distt. Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh. Online proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/34095/2018).

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No. FC/HP/05/39/2020/FC dated 25.03.2022 on the subject cited proposal.

2. The point-wise reply to the observation as raised vide your above referred communication is submitted as below:-

1. The user agency has updated the details of component proposed in the proposal vis mining, safety zone/green belt area, infrastructure area etc. in online appropriate column i.e. B 2.4 of Part-I.
2. The user agency has intimated that the land involved in approach road from the proposed mining site is non-forest land (private land), which adjoin with this proposed mining lease and already inspected by the forest Kanungoo and verified the same by the concerned field staff. Copy of the same has been uploaded in additional information details against Sr. No. 25 of Part I.
3. The DSR report into the matter submitted by Mining Officer, District Sirmour as per consonance of District Survey Report and also conforms to the DSR (as per guidelines issued by the MoEF & CC in 2016 and 2020). Copy of DSR report has been uploaded in additional information details against Sr. No. 23 of Part I.
4. Revised CA area of 5 ha of patch of degraded forest in RF Yamuna C-I of Bhagani Range of Paonta Sahib Forest Division has been proposed. Revised Toposheet & digital map has been uploaded in online parivesh portal against appropriate column i.e. 13 of Part-II.
5. In this connection user agency has intimated that State Mining authority has already recommended the area for mining lease in the Yamuna river in his approved mining plan and the same (auctioned area) area also recommend in DSR report and being a river bed area this river gets recharged annually by the natural water flow. Therefore, there is no adverse impact on Yamuna River.
6. The distance of proposed site from Asan Wetland land is already examine by concerned wildlife wing and clearly state that there is no possibility of any adverse impact on above conservation reserve by this proposed mining. Apart from above user agency also requested to consider the following points with support of this context please.

(A) That “the distance for the proposed site of the Assan wetland conservation reserve is 4 Km. and there is no impact of mining. Distance certificate of the same has been uploaded online in additional information details against Sr. No. 20 of Part-I”.

(B) That “revised guideline of the wild life division, MoEF stating i.e. mining project located within conservation reserve, and also submitted that do not require consideration by the standing committee”.

(C) That “57th meeting of the standing committee of NBWL, the mining project outside wetland conservation reserve do not require NOC from NBWL i.e. cases were send back for necessary action to the State of Uttrakhand. Copy of the same has been uploaded online in additional information details against column No. 20 of Part-I.

(D) That “joint affidavit by the MoEF & NBWL stating no need of NOC for Assan conservation reserve): copy has been uploaded online in additional information details against Sr. No. 20 of Part-I.

7. The user agency has been intimated that exact Aerial distance from the ESZ of Col. Sherjung National Park is shown in map and distance certificate from the ESZ as issued by DFO WL Shimla are also uploaded online in addition information against Sr. No. 22 & 24 of Part-I.

Yours faithfully,

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