

कार्यालय अपर प्रमुख वन संरक्षक एवं नोडल अधिकारी, वन संरक्षण,
इन्दिरानगर फॉरेस्ट कालोनी, उत्तराखण्ड, देहरादून।

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सेवा में,

अपर प्रमुख वन संरक्षक,
भारत सरकार,
पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय
एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय,
25 सुभाष रोड़, देहरादून।

विषय:- जनपद- उधम सिंह नगर के अन्तर्गत आरक्षित वन क्षेत्र में कोसी दाबका भाग-2 से 150 है0 वन भूमि में उप खनिज चुगान (रेता, बजरी, बोल्टर) हेतु उत्तराखण्ड वन विकास निगम को 10 वर्षों की अवधि के लिये अनुमति दिये जानेके संबंध में लगाई गयी EDS आपत्ति के संबंध में।

सन्दर्भ:- भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली का पत्रांक No-8-30/2020/21-F.C. दिनांक 10-01-2022

महोदय,

विषयांकित प्रकरण पर भारत सरकार की EDS 10.01.2022के क्रम में चाही गयी सूचना वन संरक्षक, पश्चिमी वृत्त, उत्तराखण्ड, हल्द्वानी (नैनीताल) का पत्रांक 178/12-1 दिनांक 05.08.2022 द्वारा इस कार्यालय को प्रेषित की गई है, जिसे निम्न प्रकार संलग्न कर प्रेषित किया जा रहा है:-

क्र० सं०	आपत्ति	उत्तरालेख
i.	Forest area proposed for mining is located at an aerial distance of approximately 8.50 km from the boundary of Corbett Tiger Reserve therefore comments of Chief Wildlife Warden of the state may be obtained and submitted to the Ministry.	CF has mentioned on his letter no. 178/12-1 dated 05-08-2022 forest area proposed for mining is located at an aerial distance of approximately 16.50 km from the boundary of Corbett National Park.(Map & chief wild life warden comments are attached) (Annexure-I)
ii.	Status of District Survey Report, if any, prepared for Ramnagar and Udhamsingh Nagar Districts of the State in accordance with the Guidelines on Sustainable Sand Mining Ministry in January 2020 vis-à-vis recommendation made thereof on the mining of RBM proposed in the extant proposal.	CF has mentioned on his letter no. 178/12-1 dated 05-08-2022 District Survey Report as per Guidelines on Sustainable Sand Mining Ministry in January 2020 is attached.(Annexure-II)
iii.	The State Government may submit its comments whether the report prepared by the Indian Institute of Soil Water Conservation is in conformity with the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines 2016 or otherwise.	CF has mentioned on his letter no. 178/12-1 dated 05-08-2022 Survey report Prepared by Indian Institute of Soil Water Conservation as per the mining guide line 2016. Survey report and Letter of Indian Institute of Soil Water Conservation are attached.(Annexure-III & IV).
iv.	Purpose wise breakup of forest area, as well as non-forest and, if any involved, as envisaged in the State needs to submit by the state.	CF has mentioned on his letter no. 178/12-1 dated 05-08-2022 purposed forest land for mining is 150 ha.
v.	A copy of the Mining Plan and status of its approval by the concerned competent authority in the State needs to submit by the state.	CF has mentioned on his letter no. 178/12-1 dated 05-08-2022 preparation of Mining Plan is under process.
vi.	The State Government may also intimate to the Ministry, methods of mining envisaged in the proposal i.e. whether mechanized or manual?	CF has mentioned on his letter no. 178/12-1 dated 05-08-2022 methods Of Mining is done manually by Hand Tool.
vii.	As the mining has been proposed over an area of 150 ha which may result into additional transportation loads and increased biotic pressure on the surrounding resources, therefore, evacuation plan of the RBM to be mined out from the area may be intimated by the State.	CF has mentioned on his letter no. 178/12-1 dated 05-08-2022 the mining area has been purposed for 150 ha area but as per the mining rules actual mining would be carried out only on 50% of the purposed area which would be less than 150 ha area.
viii.	Estimation of cost benefit ratio does not account for all parameters specified in the Guidelines dated 01.05.2017 issued by the Ministry, incorporated at Annexure-III of	CF has mentioned on his letter no. 178/12-1 dated 05-08-2022 as per guideline Copy of Estimation of cost benefit ratio is attached.

	Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Therefore, cost benefit analysis needs to be re-visited by the State to ensure accounting of all specified parameters using appropriate techno-economic tools.	(Annexure-V)
ix.	Details of approvals, if any, granted by the Ministry in the past in Ramnagar and Udham Singh Nagar Districts in the river beds of Kosi and Dabka Rivers may be intimated by the state along with approved capacity of RBM as envisaged in the EC.	CF has mentioned on his letter no. 178/12-1 dated 05-08-2022 approval of EC of Kosi and Dabka rivers at Nainital district are attached (Annexure-VI, VII) but purposed sight is in district Udham Singh Nagar.
x.	A detail of employment potential of the project has not been provided in the online part-I of form-A. Similarly] Part-IV does not have date recorded on it. Necessary rectifications need to be made and accordingly revised part-I and part-IV may be updated online in form-A.	CF has mentioned on his letter no. 178/12-1 dated 05-08-2022 detail of employment potential are enclosed in form-A part-I and uploaded (Annexure-VIII)
xi.	Relevant portion of the Management plan which prescribed mining activities in the area in question be provided. Besides this, the relevant portion of prescription such as wildlife overlapping Working circle of the approved working plan should also be referred to cross check the claims regarding presence of wildlife and wildlife corridors in the area.	CF has mentioned on his letter no. 178/12-1 dated 05-08-2022 purposed area does not belong to any wild life corridors. (Annexure-IX, X)
xii.	As per supreme court order the revenue earned in such cases should go for conservation work. In that case proposal of DFO for creating SPV and depositing money is tenable or not need to be clarified by the state.	CF has mentioned on his letter no. 178/12-1 dated 05-08-2022 once the FC is granted the SPV would be created by DFO after getting approval from Govt. of Uttrakhand.
xiii.	The CA land is being done in double degraded forest land. Does it a civil soyam land? If so would it be mutated in the name of forest department and handed over for management?	CF has mentioned on his letter no. 178/12-1 dated 05-08-2022 (Annexure-XI enclosed) Letter No-3990/12-1 Dated 06/06/2022 Office Divisional Forest Office Narendra Nagar.
xiv.	It may be clarified whether the CA land proposed is covered with any working plan if so whether these lands are recommended for plantations?	
xv.	The report of DFO tells there are crushers established along the river and it would not be possible to check the illegal activity. What kind of crushers are they? Can they lead to illegal mining in the area? Is there any case related to Illegal mining in the range or land in question need to be locked in to.	प्रभागीय वनाधिकारी द्वारा अवगत कराया गया है कि उक्त प्रस्तावित क्षेत्र में बहुत से स्टोन क्रेशर स्थापित हैं जिनके कारण क्षेत्र में अवैध खनन की घटनायें लगातार होती रहती हैं, जिसे प्रभागीय सुरक्षा बल द्वारा पकड़ा जाता है और उनके विरुद्ध नियमानुसार भारतीय वन अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत कार्यवाही की जाती है। उक्त परिपेक्ष्य में उक्त क्षेत्र को उप खनिज चुगान हेतु खोले जाने पर अलग से स्टाफ की आवश्यकता होगी।

अतः वन संरक्षक/प्रभागीय वनाधिकारी द्वारा प्रेषित प्रतिउत्तर के क्रम में प्रश्नगत प्रकरण पर वन संरक्षण अधिनियम 1980 के अन्तर्गत यथोचित कार्यवाही करने का कष्ट करें।
संलग्नक:-यथोपरि।

भवदीय,

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अपर प्रमुख वन संरक्षक एवं
नोडल अधिकारी, वन संरक्षण,

पत्रांक 572 /FP/UK/MIN/60921/2020 /दिनांकित।

प्रतिलिपि:- निम्नलिखित को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित।

1. वन संरक्षक, पश्चिमी वृत्त, उत्तराखण्ड, हल्द्वानी (नैनीताल) का पत्रांक 178/12-1 दिनांक 05.08.2022 के क्रम में।
2. प्रभागीय वनाधिकारी, तराई पश्चिमी वन प्रभाग, रामनगर।

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नोडल अधिकारी, वन संरक्षण,