

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**

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**Dated: As per E-Sign**

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal.

**Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for renewal of Mining lease for Stone Quarrying by Open cast method in 1 ha Reserved Forest land located in Compartment No RF-113, Malthon range under North Sagar Forest Division, Sagar District of Madhya Pradesh State in favour of Sh Dinesh Katare (Online No. FP/MP/QRY/40794/2019)-regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/FP/MP/QRY/40791/2019/2833 dated 01.09.2020 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 received via e-file from RO, Bhopal in the Ministry on 20.03.2025. In this regard, following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt. as under:

- i. Compliance/Monitoring report as per Para 7.8 (e) of the Chapter-7 given under the Consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 present status of compliance of the conditions of all previous FCs duly certified by the concerned Regional Officer of the MoEF&CC has not been submitted. The State Govt. shall provide the detailed compliance report to the concerned Regional Office for further needful in this regard.
- ii. The State Govt. shall clarify whether the Lease issued by the Mineral Resource Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh is still valid as on date along with relevant documents.
- iii. The State Government should provide a clear justification for granting the mining lease in a piecemeal manner, such as for 5 or 10 years. It should also clarify why the lease validity cannot be aligned with the provisions of the MMDR Act, 2015.
- iv. Details of mineral evacuation plan and how the requirements of electricity and water will be met shall be submitted. The detail of additional forest land (if any) required for the purpose shall also be submitted.

- v. The instant mine has been proposed to be worked upon by mechanized mining with implementation of Open-cast technology. Therefore, the status of muck disposal plan shall be submitted along with relevant details like map, KML file etc.
- vi. Complete copy of an approved mining plan along with progressive mine closure plan needs submission. The State Govt. shall also ensure that the land-use as proposed in the proposal shall invariably commensurate with the land-use as given in the approved mining plan.
- vii. The KML files indicating the different components of the projects like safety zone/ Green belt, Infrastructure, OB dump etc shall be submitted along with land use map. The component wise details of the proposed forest land shall also be updated on the PARIVESH portal.
- viii. Reclamation measures of the proposed forest land at the end of mine life has not been given with the proposal. The same needs submission along with comments from the State Forest Department.
- ix. The State Government should reconfirm the number of project-affected trees, considering the forest density is below 0.4. It should also clarify the basis for reporting Nil tree felling in the proposed forest land.
- x. The State Govt shall submit whether the Safety zone has been maintained as per approval/guidelines or not. Moreover, the status of compliance of para 7.9 (iv) issued under the consolidated Handbook of guidelines Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 needs to be furnished.
- xi. It has reported that the previously the CA was carried out in Village Majhera Khasra No 161 comprising 3 ha area. However, the Status of plantation as on date along with the KML file has not been submitted.
- xii. The DFO, North Sagar Division reported that the आवेदित वनभूमि के निरीक्षण के दौरान प्रत्यक्ष में वन्य प्राणी नहीं देखे गये, किन्तु उनके विचरण के प्रमाण मौजूद हैं। The details of Wildlife present in and around the proposed forest land shall be submitted.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

**Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.

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