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To

The Principal Secretary (Forest)
Government of Uttarakhand
Dehradun

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for use of 150 ha of forest land for Mining of minor Minerals from Kosi-Dabka part 2 river from reserved forest in favour of Managing Director Uttarakhand Van Vikas Nigam, Khanan Prabhag, Ramnagar under Tarai West, Ramnagar Forest Division and District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/MIN/60921/2020) Reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to your online proposal No. 1612/FP/UK/MIN/60921/2020 dated 04.01.2023 submitted the additional information on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The following shortcomings have been observed after the examination of the additional information submitted by the State Government:

- i. It was intimated to the State Government that as per the boundaries of the Corbett Tiger Reserve available with the DSS cell (Procured from NTCA/WII) the distance of proposed site is 8.50 km from the Corbett Tiger Reserve. Therefore, either there is discrepancy in the boundary of above PA or the KML of the proposed area being used is not correct. The state Govt. was requested to recheck the boundaries/KML File and accordingly take appropriate action keeping in view the distance of proposed site from the Corbett National Park Tiger Reserve and the Eco- Sensitive Zone of the PA. In this regard the State Government has replied as under:

पुनः सत्यापन हेतु मुख्य वन अनुश्रवण, मूल्यांकन आई०टी० आधुनिकीकरण उत्तराखण्ड देहरादून को भी पत्र लिखा गया है। जिसका प्रतिउत्तर प्राप्त होने के प्रेषित किया जायेगा

It is pertinent to mention here that the ESZ of Corbett Tiger Reserve has not been notified, thus the default ESZ of 10 kms would be applicable. The State Government is therefore again requested to examine the matter and submit complete reply to the query raised.

- ii. Approved mining Plan for which the present proposal is submitted may be provided.
- iii. Propose Wise/component wise breakup of proposed Forest Land i.e. the area proposed under various components like mining/safety zone/road etc has still not been submitted.
- iv. CB analysis is required to be submitted as per the format prescribed in the

FCA, 1980 Handbook of guidelines.

- v. The State Govt has submitted the DSR report prepared in 2018. In this regard a Fresh District Survey report of the District Udham Singh Nagar shall be provided.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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