

कार्यालय, प्रभागीय वनाधिकारी, तराई पश्चिमी वन प्रभाग, रामनगर (नैनीताल)

पत्रांक 4533/12-1

दिनांक, रामनगर, 31/5/2022

सेवा में,

प्रभागीय प्रबन्धक खनन
उत्तराखण्ड वन विकास, निगम
रामनगर (नैनीताल)

विषय: जनपद नैनीताल में तराई पश्चिमी वन प्रभाग, रामनगर के अन्तर्गत आरक्षित वन क्षेत्र में बहने वाली कोसी नदी (भाग-1) के लीज नवीनीकरण प्रस्ताव में आपत्ति के संबंध में।

संदर्भ: पर्यावरण मंत्रालय भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली की फाईल संख्या 8-61/1999-FC (Pt.VI)
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महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषयक पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भारत सरकार द्वारा संदर्भित पत्र से कोसी नदी (भाग-1) में कतिपय 9 बिन्दुओं की आपत्ति लगाई गयी है, जिसे संलग्न कर प्रेषित किया जा रहा है।

अतः कृपया पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भारत सरकार के पत्र द्वारा कोसी नदी (भाग-1) कतिपय 9 बिन्दुओं की आपत्तियों का बिन्दुवार निराकरण करते हुए विस्तृत लिखित सूचना/प्रत्युत्तर इस कार्यालय को तुरन्त उपलब्ध करायें ताकि प्रकरण को उच्च स्तर को प्रेषित करने हेतु अग्रेतर कार्यवाही की जा सके। लिखित प्रत्युत्तर प्राप्त होने तक प्रकरण ऑन लाईन आपको वापस भेजा जा रहा है।
संलग्न- उपरोक्तानुसार

भवदीय



(बी.एस. शाही)

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पत्रांक 4533/ /दिनांकित

प्रतिलिपि वन संरक्षक पश्चिमी वृत्त, उत्तराखण्ड हल्द्वानी को उनके पत्रांक 25-05-2022 के क्रम में सूचनार्थ प्रेषित।



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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bag Road, Aliganj
New Delhi - 110003
Dated: 1st May, 2022

To
The Secretary (In-charge)
Government of Uttarakhand
Dehradun

Sub: Renewal of diversion of forest land of 181 ha of forest land in favour of Uttarakhand Forest Development Corporation, Mining Division, Ramnagar for collection of Minor Minerals from Kosi River in Terai West Forest Division, District Nainital (Uttarakhand) (Online proposal no. FP/UK/MINING/147885/2021) – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Uttarakhand's online proposal No. FP/UK/MINING/147885/2021 dated 12.04.2022 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to inform that examination of the said proposal in the Ministry revealed the following:

- i. As per DSS analysis (report enclosed), out of total area of 187.85 ha (software estimated), 26 ha of forest land falls under water while the remaining area is non-wooded. Comments may be obtained from the State on the feasibility of mining over 26 ha of land coming under water.
- ii. Corbett Tiger Reserve is located at a distance of approximately 2.80 km from the boundary of the area proposed for diversion. As the area falls within 10 km from the boundary of Corbett Tiger reserve, comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden on the proposed proposal may be obtained by the State and the same may be submitted for the Ministry for consideration.
- iii. Detail of compensatory afforestation, in lieu of approval accorded for 181 ha of forest land, undertaken in the past, its survival percentage, year wise detail of expenditure proposed and incurred needs to be submitted by the State along with soft copies of KML/shape files of all sites.
- iv. Examination of the Mining Scheme submitted along with the proposal revealed the following:
 - a. Proposal has been submitted only for 181 ha while the Mining Scheme has been approved for an area of 254 ha. The discrepancy needs to be rectified by the State.
 - b. Chapter – 12 of Mining Plan mentions that sandy soil will be removed during mining operations and precautionary measure will be undertaken for its storage. However, detail of measures and area earmarked for its storage have not been addressed in the Mining Plan.
 - c. Land use/Component wise breakup of the area proposed for diversion i.e. area under mining, infrastructure, approach road, storage of top soils, etc. has not been mentioned neither in the proposal nor in the Mining Plan. The same needs to be furnished by the State.
 - d. Proposal for renewal of approval under FC has been submitted for a period of

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- 10 years while Scheme of Mining has been approved for a period of 3 years (Pg 142/c; Pg 82/c).
- e. Mining Plan essentially has to be prepared in consonance with the provisions of the relevant mineral concession rules and accordingly diversion proposal should be formulated by the State. Mining Plan, if any, prepared and approved for the entire period of 10 years may be submitted by the State providing the full detail of the land use, mining area, its reclamation, etc.
 - v. Status of District Survey Report, if any, prepared by the State Government in Nainital District in accordance with the Guidelines on Sustainable Sand Mining -2019 issued by the Ministry vis-à-vis recommendation made thereof on the mining of RBM proposed in the extant proposal.
 - vi. The State Government may also submit its comments whether the report prepared by the Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation is in conformity with the Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines 2019 or otherwise.
 - vii. Estimation of cost benefit ratio does not account for all parameters specified in the Guidelines dated 1.08.2017 issued by the Ministry, incorporated at Annexure -III of 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.
 - viii. As per Supreme Court order dated 28.03.2008, revenue earned from the sale of RBM should be utilized for conservation work. Detail of amount earmarked and incurred on conservation may be provided on annual basis for the last decade.
 - ix. Details of money deposited in SPV made in the previous approval and SMC works done so far may also be provided.

Encl: As above.

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दिनांक 25-5-22

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist- D

Copy to:

1. Addl. Chief Secretary (Forest), Govt. of Uttarakhand, Dehradun
2. PCCF (HoFF), Govt. of Uttarakhand, Department of Forest, Dehradun
3. Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Dehradun
4. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA) Govt. of Uttarakhand, Dehradun
5. User Agency
6. Monitoring Cell of the Forest Conservation Division
7. Gaurd File RNo 6798/12-1 1570 25-5-22

प्रतिलिपि प्रभागीय वनाधिकारी तराई पश्चिमी वन प्रभाग रामनगर को सूचनाएँ एवं आवश्यक कार्रवाही हेतु भेजित है।

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DM आवश्यक कार्यवाही करें।

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