

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
FC/HPB/05/43/2022

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**Dated:20.04.2025**

To

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Department of Environment and Forests,  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.  
Shimla.

**Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Shri Prakash Chand S/o Shri Sorma Ram VPO Kunr, for renewal of 0.4087 ha. of forest land for extraction of slates in Mauza kunar Tehsil Bharmour Chamba, Tehsil Dharwala & Distt. Chamba, Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/141848/2021)-regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Himachal Pradesh letter No. Ft.48-1850/2009(FCA) dated 04.03.2025 forwarding reply to Ministry's letter dated 01.06.2024 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that after examination of reply submitted by the State Government following shortcomings are observed:

- i. The LoI was extended for one year on 04.11.2023 by Department of Industries from 13.10.2023, validity of Letter of Intent was upto 12.10.2024. The Letter of Intent has been expired, valid LoI obtained by the user agency needs to be submitted.
- ii. State Government has mentioned that Afforestation efforts carried out in the previous proposal have not been successful. Further, it is mentioned that CF, Chamba has submitted that his office is committed to implementing a revised and intensive re-plantation plan for the entire area. This area has been successfully replanted with current years maintenance fund. Replantation details along with survival rate at present may be submitted by the State Government.
- iii. KML file of CA area where replanting has been carried out by the State Government is not received in the Ministry.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/documents, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
**(S. Sundar)**  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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Sundar Sambamoorthi  
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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The DDGF (C), Regional Office, Chandigarh of MoEFCC.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.
5. User Agency.