

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

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Dated:20-06-2025

To

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Punjab.
Chandigarh.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s. Jain Bamboo and Wood Works (Saw Mill), for non-forestry use of 0.0013 ha. of forest land for approach access road Situated at Village Bhunga on Hoshiarpur Road to Dasuya Road, Km 22-23 LHS, Tehsil Bhunga and under Forest Division and District Hoshiarpur, Punjab (FP/PB/Approach/146580/2021)– regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Nodal Officer (FCA) vide letter No. FOREST-FCA0FC3H/3/2022-FCA dated 21.06.2024 which was updated in the Ministry on 06.05.2025 submitting action taken report against the erring forest officials. In this regard, it is to inform that from examination of reply submitted by the Nodal Officer, Govt. of Punjab, following was observed:

- i. Present status of action against erring officials concerned for not being able to prevent use of forest land for non-forestry purpose without prior approval of Government of India needs to be submitted.
- ii. From examination of violation report submitted along with the reply, action taken under Indian Forest Act, 1927 is not clear. Detailed violation report needs to be submitted.
- iii. Further, Regional Office, Chandigarh has mentioned in their inspection report that work of violation is still in progress. Comments in this regard needs to be submitted by the State Government.

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

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh.
2. The DDGF (Central) Regional Office, Chandigarh of MoEF&CC.
3. The Nodal Officer, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.