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(Forest Conservation Division)

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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 diversion of 4.46 hectares Protected forest land in compartment number PF 334 of Mauganj Forest Range, Rewa Forest Division in favour of M/s Swami Nityanand Ji Maharaj Stones for Harrai Gujran Stone Quarry lease under Rewa District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/152431/2022) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF- cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/836/2022/10-11/1471 dated 16.05.2025 on the above mentioned subject and to say that examination of same revealed following shortcomings:

- i. The State Govt. vide their letter dt. 16.05.2025 has informed that user agency will develop a safety zone/green belt of 7.5 meters around the proposed area. Moreover as per component wise details mentioned in online Part-I it has been reported that an area of 0.58 ha out of total proposed forest area of 4.46 ha has been earmarked for safety zone. However as per DSS analysis report it has been reported that the user agency has uploaded the KML file of safety zone in line feature instead of polygon and the same cannot be examined with the help of GIS tool. Therefore, the State Govt. needs to submit the KML file of safety zone in polygon form.
- ii. The instant mine has been proposed to be worked upon by mechanized mining with implementation of Open-cast technology and w.r.t the status of muck disposal plan the State Govt. has informed that the user agency has submitted that the debris generated from the project will be dumped in the revenue area by purchasing private land. No additional forest area apart from the proposed site will be affected. However, as per the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 muck (mine waste or overburden) generated during mining operations must be disposed of within the mining lease area, preferably on non-mineralized areas and on impervious ground to prevent environmental damage. Disposal outside the lease area is generally not permitted. This needs comments from the State

Mineral Resource Department.

- iii. As per DSS analysis it has been reported that w.r.t location of the mine and on examination of the revised KML file of the proposed forest land as per reply received from the State Govt. letter dated 16.05.2025, it has been observed that the location of the proposed mine have been changed w.r.t. to the location of mine as was found uploaded in the original proposal. This needs clarification whether such change of location of mine is as per approved mining plan and further the location of the mine needs confirmation from the State Mineral Resource Department.
- iv. As per Para 2, Rule-13 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 the State Govt. was requested to submit/upload the KML file of the Degraded forest land which is twice in size of such shortfall in the compensatory afforestation land needs to be submitted (if applicable) along with Maps, CA scheme, Site suitability certificate etc. However, the State has neither provided the details of the non-forest land or portion thereof which is not fit for raising compensatory afforestation of a specified density, nor the state has provided the the details of the area, KML file, Map, site suitability certificate etc. of the degraded forest land.
- v. The State vide letter dated 16.05.2025 has informed that the NFL for CA is in a single patch of 4.460 ha located in Village Sardaman, whereas as per the SIR received from the Regional office the area of NFL patch is mentioned to be 5.643 ha which is located in District- Sagar, Range- Deori; Tehsil- Deori, Village- Padraikala, Khasra no.- 235,236, 237, 238, 239, 241. Further, the RO has informed that the said area is suitable for raising Compensatory Afforestation. Keeping above in view and the fact that the state has also proposed additional DFL for CA, the NFL area proposed for CA by the State and the CA area inspected by the Regional Office do not match. The State shall therefore examine the matter and give the factual position along with justification in the matter.

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

Yours sincerely,

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4. User Agency;
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