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सेवा में,

नोडल अधिकारी एवं मुख्य वन संरक्षक (एफ.सी.ए.)
हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार,
वन विभाग, टालैंड, शिमला।

विषय : Diversion of 17.311 ha of forest land in favour of Mahinder Singh and Company Mining Project for the Sand Stone and Bajri Mining Project, within the jurisdiction of Paonta Forest Division, Distt. Sirmour, Himachal Pradesh (online no. FP/HP/MIN/34095/2018)

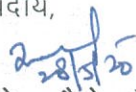
महोदय,

उपरोक्त सन्दर्भित पत्र का आशय ग्रहण करते हुए मुझे आपको यह सूचित करने का निर्देश हुआ है कि प्रस्ताव पर ध्यानपूर्वक विचार करने के उपरांत निम्नलिखित कमियां पाई गयी हैं:

1. The State Govt. may confirm that the proposed mining conforms to the DSR (as per EMSMG-2020 & SSMMG-2016 issued by MoEF&CC) of the concerned district.
2. The State Govt. may confirm that issue of conservation of riverine wildlife biodiversity will be fully addressed during the proposed mining as per direction given by CWLW.
3. On analysis of CA area through DSS it is observed that 2 ha area has MDF which is not suitable for CA for Patch N. 1 of 25.00 ha. The State Government may ensure that the area proposed for CA should have density less than 0.4.
4. The area touches boundary of "Asan Barage Conservation Reserve" in Uttarakhand state therefore it may have adverse impact on such conservation area. Specific comments of State Government in this regard is required to be submitted.
5. The undertaking of mining lease holder is required that after ceasing mining operations, he will undertake re-grassing the mining area, and any other area which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc.
6. The CA scheme for area in lieu of Safety Zone area is also not provided in the proposal.
7. Employment details at para-E (iii) of Part I need to be in terms of mandays.
8. Brief profile of lease & comments of State Govt. may be required as per the guidelines para 7.8 (i)
9. The cost-benefit analysis not properly quantified in monetary terms.
10. The letter of Intent was expired in 2018. A fresh LoI is required to be furnished.
11. In the component-wise breakup of forest land uploaded at para-B-2.4 of Part-I, the forest land required for safety zone, Actual collection of minor minerals i.e. working area and the un-metalled road etc. has not been provided separately. State Govt. may do the needful in this regard.
12. It is seen from KML file uploaded at para-C of Part-I that the proposed site of diversion is very close to upstream of a major bridge on Yamuna River. State Govt. should intimate the distance of bridge from the proposed mining area and also submit comments on the risk to the bridge, if any, as a result of mining and change in the course of river if any, because, the mining is proposed toward right bank of river only.

13. On perusal of geo-reference map uploaded at para-C(iv) of Part-I, it is seen that the geo-coordinated of 4 points only are provided. State Govt. should provide more geo-coordinates covering all turning points along the polygon.
14. Justification for locating the project in forest land uploaded at para-D(i) of Part-I is not appropriate.
15. It is mentioned in para-H(i) of Part-I that the application for EC is yet to be submitted. User agency should submit the application EC immediately and report status to this office.
16. Under FRA, proceedings of SDLC meeting duly signed by Sub-Divisional Officer has not been found uploaded at para-K of Part-I. Moreover, it is mentioned at para-B-2.3 that the forest land is situated within the jurisdiction of 'Devinagar' village but the proceedings of VLC is provided/uploaded for 'Kunja' village. State Govt. may upload the proceedings of VLC of 'Devinagar' at para-K of Part-I.
17. Copy of "letter of intent" has been uploaded at para-M-2 (iii) instead of approval letter of mining plan. State Govt. may upload the mining plan at para-M-2.
18. Instead of copy of approved mining plan, approval letter of mining plan found uploaded at para-M-2(iv). State Govt. may upload the approved mining plan at para-M-2(iv).
19. Copy of detailed land use plan in 1:4000, scale prepared by using GPS on total station not found uploaded at para-M-2(vi) instead digital map showing different existing road use in the area and its vicinity has been upload.
20. It is mentioned at para-M-7 that 3 minerals are proposed to be collected but the mineral wise detail has not been provided.
21. It is seen from the map uploaded at para-M-7.1(ii) that one crusher site and two un-metalled roads i.e., Quarry site to crusher and crusher site to connect metalled road is shown in the map but nothing is mentioned anywhere in the proposal about the crusher unit and un-metalled roads. Hence, State Govt. may submit clarification in the matter. State Govt. should upload plan of transportation in this para.
22. It is seen from the details uploaded at para-13 (i) of Part-II, that the 35 ha of CA is proposed in 3 patches measuring 25 ha, 5 ha and 5 ha each but patchwise CA estimate have not been uploaded at para-13 (ii) instead one estimate for entire 35.00 ha found uploaded.
23. In para-8(i) of Part-I, Rabbit, wild boar, Jackal, Crow and squirrel are stated to be found in the area but 'Yes' is mentioned in para-8(v) which is contradictory. State Govt. may review the comments.
24. It is mentioned at para-4 of SIR of DFO uploaded at para-15 of Part-II that the aquatic winter migratory birds like Ruddy Shelduck, Cormorant, Little Grebe etc. visit area but nothing is mentioned about the adverse impact of mining on the wintering habitat of these migratory birds, if any and the mitigate measures. State Govt. may review the matter and submit the comments.
25. It is seen from date given in para-14 of para-14 of Part-II that the progress of CA (875.381 ha) is 47% only of the CA stipulated (1880.1154 ha) which is very poor. State Govt. may intimate the action taken to clear the backlog of CA

यदि चाही गयी सूचना पत्र जारी होने की तिथि के 60 दिनों (अधिकतम 90 दिनों) के भीतर इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त नहीं हुई तो प्रस्ताव को निरस्त किया जा सकता है।

भवदीय,

(डा० योगेश गौरोला)
तकनीकी अधिकारी