

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

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Dated: **As per E-signature**

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 Vinod Kumar, Village Trambha, PO Longni, for non-forestry use of 1.7674 ha. of forest land for mining lease for extraction of Sand, Stone and Bajri in Son Khad Part-III at Kalsawai, within the jurisdiction of Joginder Nagar Forest Division, District Mandi, HP. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/119019/2021)- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Himachal Pradesh's letter No. FP/HP/MIN/119019/2021 dated 20.03.2023 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section- 2 (i) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

2. In this regard, it is to inform that the proposal was discussed in the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 07.06.2024. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting are uploaded at www.parivesh.nic.in. The Committee had detailed discussion and deliberation with the DDGF (Central), RO Chandigarh, Conservator of Forests, Government of Himachal Pradesh. The Committee recommended the proposal for grant of Stage- I clearance for diversion of 1.7674 ha. of forest land for mining lease for extraction of Sand, Stone and Bajri in Son Khad Part-III at Kalsawai, within the jurisdiction of Joginder Nagar Forest Division, District Mandi, HP.

Furthermore, the Committee stated that Stage-I approval for the proposal, shall be considered provided that the State Government submit the following:

- i. Valid Letter of Intent obtained from competent authority.
- ii. The State Government shall identify middle of the riverbed, demarcate safety zone and submit the revised KML file to the Ministry.

In view of the above the State Govt. is requested to submit the information, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(S.Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

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