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To

Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Uttarakhand
Dehradun

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section -2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for renewal of collection of minor mineral from 181.0 ha of forest land of Kosi River for 10 years in favour of Uttarakhand Forest Development Corporation, Mining Division, Ramnagar under Terai Western Forest Division, Ramnagar, and District Nainital, Uttarakhand (Online No. FP/UK/MINING/147885/2021).

Madam/Sir,


I am directed to refer to your online proposal No. FP/UK/MIN/147953/2021 12.04.2022 and letter No. 362/FP/UK/MIN/147953/2021 dated 02.08.2022 on the above mentioned subject and inform that after examination of the additional information the following shortcomings have been observed:

1. The forest clearance has been sought for next 10 years whereas the approved mining plan is valid for next 3 years only. The State shall therefore provided/upload the approved mining plan for 10.0 years.
2. The details/documents submitted in respect of the observation no. (viii) of MoEF&CC's EDS letter dated 10.05.2022 are not legible. A legible copy may be provided/uploaded in the online portal.
3. DSR has been prepared as per SSMG-2016 Guideline. However, its required as per the MoEF&CC's SSMG Guideline-2019.
4. The cost benefit analysis is not as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry. The same may be provided as per guidelines and on the prescribed format.
5. The State govt has informed that as per the consent/approval of CWLW the mining activities are being carried out over 91 ha area, whereas, as per the component wise breakup given in the letter dated 02.08.2022, a forest area of 127 ha has been shown suitable for mining. The same needs clarification.
6. As per the boundaries of the Corbett Tiger Reserve available with the DSS cell(procured from NTCA) the distance of proposed site is 2.80 km from the Corbett Tiger Reserve. Therefore, either there is discrepancy in the boundaries of above PAs or the KML file of the proposed area being used is not correct. The State Govt shall

therefore recheck the boundaries/kml file and accordingly take appropriate action keeping in view the distance of proposed site from the Corbett National Park/ Tiger Reserve and the Eco-sensitive Zone of the PA.

7. The state has submitted two proposals simultaneously, one is collection of minor mineral from Dabka River over an area of 112.0 ha and other is collection of minor minerals from Kosi River over an area of 181.0 ha. In this regard it has been observed that the attached CD with the reply of both proposals have common KML files of CA areas. The kml files of the CA areas pertaining to the instant proposal are required to be submitted separately so that they can be analyzed on DSS portal.
8. It has also been observed on DSS that one KML file of North Jaspur Range is found duplicate whereas [Upper Kosi (9.02 ha) and Upper Kosi (49.96 ha)], [Guljarpur plot 9 (802 ha) and Guljarpur plot no 9 B (10.06 ha)] and [Aampokhra plot 14 (16.05 ha) and Aampokhra plot 15 B (10.0 ha)] CA sites are found overlapping or have common area with each other. Such ambiguities are required to be addressed before submitting the kml files of CA areas pertaining to the instant proposal.

Yours Sincerely,


Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Govt. of Uttarakhand, Department of Forest, Dehradun.
2. Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Dehradun.
3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA) Govt. of Uttarakhand, Department of Forest, Dehradun.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of the FC Division for uploading on the PARIVESH portal.