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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Uttarakhand
Dehradun

Subject: Proposal for non-forestry use of 150 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Uttarakhand Van Vikas Nigam, Khanan Prabhag, Ramnagar for mining of minor Minerals (RBM) from Kosi-Dabka part 2 Rivers falling in the jurisdiction of Tarai West, Ramnagar Forest Division and District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/MIN/60921/2020) Reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to your online proposal No. **FP/UK/MIN/60921/2020** dated 26.11.2021 and letter dated 27.08.2022 submitting additional information on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After examination of the additional information the following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. As per the boundaries of the Corbett Tiger Reserve available with the DSS cell (procured from NTCA/WII) the distance of proposed site is 8.50 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. is requested to 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.
- ii. Purpose wise/component wise breakup of proposed forest land has still not been submitted.
- iii. Approved mining Plan has not been provided.
- iv. The Cost Benefit analysis has still not been provided as per the prescribed format/guidelines given in the Handbook of guidelines.
- v. The detail of the all previous approvals accorded by the Ministry in the districts of Udham Singh Nagar and Ram Nagar in the Kosi and Dabka rivers may be provided along with permissible excavation of RBM as per EC.
- vi. Point No. (xv) of the of the Ministry's observation letter dated 11.01.2022 has not been replied completely. The State may provide the detail of the kind of stone crushers, how they are leading to illegal mining, and the detail of the cases related to illegal mining booked may be provided. Further the State may also intimate whether Stone Crushers have been established on forest land or not. If yes, then whether the approval under FCA, 1980 has been obtained or not?

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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