

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

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Dated: November, 2022

To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Forests),
All State/Union territories Administrations,

Sub: Forest Conservation issues emanating from the inclusion of new mineral to be mined out from the already approved area without changing land use of forest land – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Andhra Pradesh's letter No 709/Section.II/2022 dated 18.01.2022, requesting to include minerals viz. quartz and feldspar in the approval dated 12.09.2017 granted for mining of mica. The proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 17.10.2022 and the minutes of the said meeting may be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in.

Based on the FAC's recommendation, the Ministry clarifies as follows:

- i. Since there is no change in the land use and forest area involved in the proposal, revised Stage-I approval need not be obtained in such cases.
- ii. Addition of minerals may have incremental but substantial impact on the surrounding vegetation, by way of increased pollution loads; therefore such a proposal needs to be examined on case to case basis for modification of terms and conditions stipulated in the Stage-II approval by the Ministry.
- iii. The user agency should accordingly approach the Ministry for modification in Stage-II approval in such cases subject to Environmental Clearance, in case required.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority
Yours faithfully

Sd/-
(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

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