

To,
The Chairman,
Central Empowered Committee,
New Delhi

*Sub: Illegal demolition of the Hotel situated on land bearing Khasra No. 54, 55, and 56,
Village Chimanpura, Tehsil Amer, Jaipur
Re: Kanha Hotels and Spa Pvt. Ltd.*

Sir,

Under the instruction of my client referred above, Kanha Hotels & Spa Pvt. Ltd., Khasra No. 54-56, Village Chimanpura, Tehsil Amer, Jaipur (hereinafter referred to as "my client") I am concerned to write to put forth the case of my client, wherein a representation was submitted to various statutory authorities, regarding the non-recommendation by the SCNBWL, and coercive actions taken by the State Authorities in pursuant thereof.

My client, had built a hotel on the land bearing Khasra No. 54, 54/2, 55, and 56, Village Chimanpura, Tehsil Amer, Jaipur, with obtaining all the necessary and required permission to construct a hotel such as i) permission by Tourism Department; ii) Permission by the Department of Revenue and Land Record to set up a tourism industry on 06.11.2007; iii) Map approval by Jaipur Development Authority; iv) Temporary Fire NOC; v) Environmental Clearance; vi) Consent to Establish, etc.

However, on 08.03.2019, the area around Nahargarh Wildlife Sanctuary was declared as Eco-sensitive Zone. The draft Economic Sensitive Zone notification was finally published on 08.03.2019. As per the ESZ Notification, 'Establishment of Hotels and Resorts' is categorized as 'regulated activity', and it was specifically mentioned that 'no new commercial hotels and resorts including any construction activity', except for residential purposes, shall be permitted within one kilometer of the boundary of the Protected Area. The State Government issued the Master Plan for Nahargarh Wildlife Sanctuary on 03.07.2023. The said ZMP defined the term "existing" in Para 10.4 and clarified that the ESZ notification only applies to new hotels, resorts, and commercial establishments, as per the said tourism plan; hotels, resorts, and commercial establishments shall be considered as "existing" if any of the requirements detailed under Para 10.4 has been issued prior to 08.03.2019.

My client, applied for the Wildlife Clearance, and accordingly, the application for the same was submitted through the online portal on 30.09.2019. It is imperative to submit that Wildlife Clearance for the project, which was sanctioned by the State Government, State Wildlife Board, and Chief Wildlife Warden, however, the same was rejected by the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife, treating my client's project/proposal to be for "construction" of a new hotel vide its 78th Meeting dated held

on 22.02.2024 minutes whereof was published on 28.02.2024.

After the decision of SCNBWL, a meeting of the ESZ Monitoring Committee was convoked on 18.06.2024 headed by the District Collector, Jaipur, has observed and hastily decided to demolish the Hotel situated at land bearing Khasra No. 54, 55, and 56 Village, Chimanpura Tehsil Amer, District Jaipur situated at 95 mtrs., from the boundary of Nahargarh Wildlife Sanctuary.

That the Hotel set up by my client, prima-facie appears to be in compliance with every term of the ESZ Notification, however, State Authorities have misdirected themselves by treating the same in violation of the ESZ Notification. It is, therefore, requested that the matter kindly be looked into by your good office with seriousness and that no undue harassment be caused to the entity that has complied with the provisions of law.

It has also been informed that various representations have been sent by my client, to various Statutory Authorities, however, the same remains unheard till date.

Looking at the gravity, and seriousness of the issue your intervention is warranted in the interest of justice. It is, therefore, requested that the matter be kindly considered by your good office looking to the correct facts and law, and due consideration/opportunity of hearing be awarded to my client to explain the case before your good office.

For KANHA HOTELS AND SPA PVT. LTD.

Ajay Sharda
Authorised Signatory

HUMBLE APPLICANT

Kanha Hotels and Spa Pvt. Ltd.

Dated: 24.05.2025

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