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 (Forest Conservation Division)

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To  
 The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
 Government of NCT, Delhi

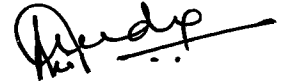
**Sub: Allowing Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to retain Forest land created by way of compensatory afforestation in Delhi – reg.**

Sir,

With reference to above mentioned subject, I am directed to refer to the D.O. letter No. PS/PC (Pers., Hort& LS)20 19/DDA/224dated 24.09.2019 of Shri Tarun Kapoor, Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority, regarding allowing Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to retain the ownership of the land proposed for compensatory afforestation. In this connection, it is to inform that the issue was re-considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 wherein the FAC, taking the case of Delhi as a very special one, recommended that compensatory afforestation may be taken up on non-forest lands (NFL) which are under jurisdiction of DDA. Since such areas will support afforestation those need to be declared as protected forest (PF) under relevant provisions of Indian Forest Act, 1927 or state specific Act, if any. However, the ownership of these compensatory afforestation patches need not be transferred/mutated in the name of State Forest Department and management of DDA may be allowed.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



**(Brijendra Swaroop)**

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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