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Dated: 18th October, 2019

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,

I am directed to refer to D.O. No. NHAI/PIU/DWE/35/01 dated 2nd July, 2019 of Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister, Road Transport and Highway & Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development, Government of India regarding allowing Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to retain Forest land created by way of compensatory afforestation in Delhi. In this connection, it is to inform that the issue, was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 31st August, 2019 wherein the FAC, taking the case of Delhi as a very special one, recommended that the area proposed for CA on DDA land against diversion of any forest land in Delhi under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 need not be mutated in favour of forest department. However, it was further clarified that any area over which CA is raised, shall be notified as protected forest under the provisions of IFA 1927 and shall be managed by the State Forest Department.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma) 18.10.19

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, All State/UT Governments
2. The Dy Director General of Forests (Central), All Regional Offices of the MoEF&CC
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF, All State/UIT Governments
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