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FULL TITLE PROJECT:

Construction of Bi-directional tunnel at Km 83rd of length 495m including approach road of 664m and a Major Bridge of 110m from Km 82 + 675 to km 82 + 925 on NH-244 in UT of Jammu & Kashmir on EPC mode.

Proposal No:-

FP/JK/ ROAD / 44916 /2020

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF CF CHENAB (For the forest land to be diverted under FCA)

1. A proposal of NHIDCL recommended by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kishtwar vide his letter dated 18/05/2020 for diversion of Forest Land under (FCA -1980) for non-forestry purpose. The project envisages diversion of 1.2 Hectare of the forest land at Kuligadh (Drabshalla) in the favour of PIU Khellani, "Construction of Bi- directional tunnel at Km 83rd of length 495 m including approach road of 664 m and a Major Birdge of 110 m from km 82+675 to km 82+925 on NH-244 in UT of Jammu & Kashmir". The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by the undersigned on 28/05/2020 alongwith the Divisional Forest Officer, Kishtwar. 2

The land required by the user agency is the Forest land measuring 1.2 Hectares and falls in Bhumsheru Forest Compartment 18/K.

3. The requirement of the land proposed by the user agency in col. 2 Part-I is unavoidable and bare minimum required for the project 4

Weather any rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area, if so, details thereof. Leopard (Panthera Pardus), Jungle cate (Felis Chirus) etc do exists in the area but due to less area proposed for diversion there may not be much harmful 5

Weather any protected archaeological / heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monumentS located in the area.

- The User Agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act 6(a) 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction. YES
- Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out. 6(b)No work initiated till date.

Specific Recommendation:

The project recommended by the Divisional Forest Officer Kishtwar may be accepted as per guideline of GOI as the forest land proposed for diversion is essentially required for construction of underground Tunnnel on Batote - Kishtwar National Highway at Kuligadh (Drabshalla) Bhumsheru, Forest Compartment No:- 18/ K where frequent landslides due to rain and snowfall leads to loss of the human lives by road accidents besides blockade / disruption to road for

After approval of FCA proposal before execution of Project User Agency shall delineate the area jointly with the Forest Department with the help of Cement concrete Pillars.

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Date: - 04.06.2020

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Specific recommendations for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons

No:-850/CFC/FCA

Dated: - 04.06.2020

The recommendations given by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kishtwar for diversion of 1.20 Ha forest land is endorsed for construction of Bidirectional t unnel including approach road and a Major Bridge at Kuligarh (Drabshalla) Bhumsheru Forest Compartment No :- 18/K in Kishtwar Forest Division by National Highway and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) for Forest Clearance under Section –I of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The proposal is recommended to be approved.

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