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**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**  
**Office of the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)/**  
**Chief Wildlife Warden**

Subject: Use of forest land for construction of road from Thune to Badipathri.  
(Proposal No. FP/JK/ROAD/149120/2021).

In reference to the above cited subject, it is to convey that as per field report, the alignment of proposed road is passing through compartment 69/Sindh of Sindh Forest Division and does not involve any notified Wildlife Protected Area. The site of proposed road, also, neither falls in the proposed eco-sensitive zone nor within 10 Kms of boundary of nearest Wildlife Sanctuary i.e; Thajwas Wildlife Sanctuary. Further, the site area is devoid of any appreciable vegetation which is about 01 Km away.

In view of above facts, it appears that Divisional Forest Officer, Sindh Forest Division has mentioned about presence of Common Leopard, Himalayan Black Bear, Jackal etc. without application of mind. The incidents of straying of these animals are reported almost every where in Kashmir Region including Srinagar City. The site conditions of the area do not actually represent the typical habitat of these species and hence referring to their presence at such sites shall amount to stretching of Wildlife Conservation beyond the scope.

So, the proposed project referred in the subject need to be considered under the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 as it does not have any implications with respect to Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

  
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No: WLP/Tech/2022-23/545-49

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Copy for information and necessary action to the:

01. Chief Conservator of Forest (FCA), Nodal Officer in the office of Pr. Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF.
02. Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir. This is in reference to his letter No. RWLW/K/Tech/2022-23/1216 dated: 11-10-2022.
03. Divisional Forest Officer, Ganderbal.
04. Wildlife Warden, Central. This is in reference to his letter No: WLWC/Estt/2022-23/1654-55 dated: 27-09-2022.
05. Executive Engineer, PHE, PMGSY, Division Ganderbal/Srinagar. This is in reference to his letter No: EE/PMGSY/Gbl/1554-55 dated: 01-08-2022.