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Ref.: GSIDC/Engg/Works/927/4919 10th November 2017

To

The Dy. Conservator of Forests,
North Goa Division
Ponda, Goa.

Sir (s),

Sub. : "Diversion of 0.9261 ha of Forest land for Development of Freedom Fighters Memorial at Patradevi and Areas surrounding the Memorial- Phase I".
Ref. : Letter No. F.No-4-GOB 1120/2017-BAN/875 dated 17th October 2017.

Vide letter cited above, it was informed that the State Forest Department vide letter No. 6-871-2017-18-FD/3376 dated 28th September 2017 had forwarded the proposal for approval under the Forest Conservation Act 1980 and that the proposal includes provisions for establishment of cafeteria, parking facilities etc.

In response, the Conservator of Forest (Central) had informed that as per the guidelines of Forest (Conservation Act 1980) provisions of above cited facilities are not permissible. Hence, requested to revise the proposal excluding these components and resubmit the proposal. Further, Forest Right Act compliance certificate as per MoEF guidelines dated 05th July 2013 need to be submitted.

As regards to the proposal, it is pertinent to note that the proposal mainly involves upgradation of the existing Martyr's Memorial, to promote, share, exhibit the great sacrifice made by the Martys who laid down their lives for the freedom of Goa. It is also to promote the History of the Freedom struggle and to inculcate the values of sacrifice and love towards the Motherland for the generations to come. It is also significant to develop the area to promote tourism as there is a high rate of footfall in Goa. The facilities of cafeteria and parking have been planned with a minimum requirement and are very essential for the people visiting the monument. As there is no such facilities around the vicinity. Forest Regulatory Act compliance certificate as per MoEF guidelines dated 05th July 2013 is under process and will be submitted shortly.

In view of the above, kindly consider the above fact and give approval for the said work under the provision of Forest Conservation Act 1980 as a special case.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Srimet Kothwale)
Managing Director

Copy to :

1. **The Under Secretary (Home)**
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   Government of Goa,
   Secretariat,
   Porvorim, Goa.

2. **The Conservator of Forests (Central)**
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   Kendriya Sadan, IVth Floor, E & F Wings,
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   Government of Goa,
   Panaji, Goa 403001

4. **The Deputy Conservator of Forests**
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   Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
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