No. <u>3080</u> H.P. Forest Department.

Dated Nahan, the 14/12/21

From: DFO Nahan.

To: Conservator of Forests, Nahan Circle, Nahan,

Subject:

Diversion of 1.276 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of link road from Upper Jamli Baron to Kathana Km. 0/0 to 6/700 with in the Jurisdiction of Nahan Forest Division Distt. Sirmour. H.P.

Memo:

In this regard, replies of observations raised by GoI Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change Regional Office Dehradun vide letter No. 8B/HP/06/27/ 2018/ FC/61 dated 30.04.2021 is as under please:-

1. Needful has been done by the user agency. The sub village Baron and Upper Jamli which are benefited by the execution of this project have been marked on Kml file and habitation also marked on Kml file. Further the villages that are benefited directly from the road has been marked on Kml file and same has been uploaded at para c(b) online part-I.

2. Every effort has been made to reduce the number of trees involved in the proposed road alignment in this office. It is submitted that the proposed road alignment passes through the Shamlat land of the private land owners. Previously 496 Nos. of trees involved in the road alignment & dumping site of Village Shamlat jungle jhari of village Jamli & Khatana. Again RD wise enumeration of trees has been counted by the Forest field staff and PWD authority. The RD wise revised enumeration list has been prepared and 365 numbers of trees coming under the alignment of road and dumping site.

It is further added that 1.276 Hectare Govt. forest lands have been involved for construction of road out of which 0.876 hectare area road alignment and 0.40 hectare for dumping site. The three dumping sites area of the forest land is 0.40 hector and 81 number of trees involved and road alignment area is 0.876 ha. and 284 numbers of trees involved. Revised list of trees have been prepare and necessary correction has been done in online Part-II. 3. Needful has been done. Necessary report has been uploaded in online portal in additional documents.

4. The road connectivity to both the villages is adequately required, The existing road network which is providing connectivity to nearby habitation lies at an approximate distance 4.00 km from the village upper jamli and 1.200 km from village Baron khatana. Moreover, if both the unconnected villages are providing road access, it is essential to connect the road with existing road network which is separated by Jamli khud on Upper Jamli side and unconnected habitations on Surla khatana side. The proposed road quite unavoidable and the shortest route to the connect sub village Baron and Upper Jamli.

Two Nos. alternative alignments were explored by the HPPWD authority, but not found feasible. The grade of the alternative alignment is not adequate and involved more number of trees as compared to the proposed alignment. The proposed road alignment is quite unavoidable; hence there is no escape from using the forest land out of two alternative alignments. The shortest alignment has been finalized and suitable, unavoidable the habitation of village Baron and Upper Jamli.

Encl: As above.

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