Certificate for Applicability of Wildlife Clearance

It is certified that construction of proposed Raanthi– Boragaon Motor road in Dharchula Tehsil of District Pithoragarh is an approved activity to provide connectivity to 807 families of Raanthi Boragaon Village of this area. The details related to the motor road as mentioned in Divisional Forest Officer, Pithoragarh's letter no.772/17-1 dated 29/08/2020 are as follows:

- 1) The above-mentioned motor road lies in DharchulaTehsil of Pithoragarh and lies at an aerial distance of 1.10 km from Askot Wildlife Sanctuary as certified by CCF, ITGC, Uttarakhand.
- The proposed alignment of the implementing agency has provision of various types of culverts which will be beneficial for safe and unhindered movement of wildlife.
- 3) Since the area in question does not have elephant population, there is no need of construction of over or underpass.
- 4) As the construction site/area has low density of forests, the line of sight for traffic would be clear.
- 5) It is unlikely for any traffic related stress to the wildlife given the fact that the area in question has low density if wildlife and low density of traffic as well.

The proposed area for construction of motor road lies in the Civil soyam land, which lies within 1.10 km aerial distance of Askote Wildlife Sanctuary, has got administrative approval from Govt. of Uttarakhand vide letter no. 5150(1)/111(2) / 10-18 (प्रा0310)/2010 Dated 16 August 2010. As the proposed construction of motor road has been accorded administrative approval by the Uttarakhand State Govt., it does qualify to be an ecologically sustainable activity under Sections 38(O)(1)(b) and 38(O)(1)(g) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 as amended in 2006 and neither it is a scheduled activity requiring Environmental Clearance (EC) under EIA Notification 2006. So, the Proposal does not require any prior clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife as per the Guidelines dated 16th July 2020 issued by Wildlife Division, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Thus it is recommended that given the above facts about forest and wildlife of the proposed site, the proposed construction work can be taken up.

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