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To

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APCCF, (FCA, CAMPA)
O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Haryana, Panchkula.

Sub : Diversion of 0.165 Ha. of Forest land for widening & Strengthening of link road from Ambala Hissar Road to Balana to Punjab Border (Km. 0.927 to Km. 1.827) in Distt. Ambala Under Forest Division & Distt. Ambala, Haryana. FP/HR/Road/41383/2019).

A detailed inspection of the Project Site was carried out by the undersigned on 07-05-2020, along with the DFO, Ambala & concerned field staff of Ambala Forest Division. The local field officers of Sh. Punit Mittal, SDE, PWD (B&R, PD-1 Ambala Cantt. were also present during this inspection. Following observations were made during the course of inspection :-

- (1) During the inspection, it was found that a total Diversion of 0.165 Ha. of Forest land for widening & Strengthening of link road from Ambala Hissar Road to Balana to Punjab Border (Km. 0.927 to Km. 1.827) in Distt. Ambala Under Forest Division & Distt. Ambala Forest Division. This diversion of Forest land is unavoidable and is the barest minimum possible. There is no alternative suitable non forest land available for the project.
- (2) In the proposal, a total of 674 (Vol. 21.18) trees required to be felled & 6740 saplings will be destroyed for the project.
- (3) The Present width of road is 7.32 mtr. The proposal widening /construction will be done in additional 1.09 mtr. on either side. Thus total width will be 9.5 Mtr.
- (4) The total volume of trees which are to be felled for the execution of this Project is 21.18 cum. The marking of trees proposed for felling has been done as per the project site plan. It is hereby made very clear that 674 No. of trees are necessarily required to be felled for the project. The project site is surrounded by adjoining agricultural land and is similar to the land plan submitted by the user agency. Moreover, there are no rare/endangered species of Flora and Fauna in this area. The main species is Eucalyptus.
- (5) The user agency has violated the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980. Moreover, Work has been started without the proper sanction of the competent authority.

Based on the detailed site inspection carried out by the undersigned on 07-05-2020, it is hereby recommended that the proposal may be approved/sanctioned in the large public interest.

Chief Conservator of Forests
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