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**Directorate of Tourism & Cultural Affairs
Government of Punjab
(Tourism Branch)**

To

Divisional Forest Officer
Ropar

PHTPB/2020/SPL/01

No. 01/01/2021


Subject: Diversion of 0.2153 Ha. of forest land for construction of pathway and beautification of the area to provide tourist benches, water kiosks, gazebos and landscape on the embankment road along Sri Naina Devi Road and SDM Office and Civil Hospital Tehsil-Anapur Sahib Forest Division and Distt. Rupnagar, (Punjab).


Kindly refer to the letter no. -9-PBB377/2020-CHA dated 14.12.2020 issued by Regional Office Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to the address of PCCF Punjab. The following is submitted for consideration:

- (i) As desired in the RO's letter, a separate proposal for the diversion of the 0.2153 ha of forest land under category 'other' has been uploaded on the portal. Two hard copies of the same are attached herewith.
- (ii) It is requested that in this case, the forest area involved is less than 1 ha and according to para 2.6 (i) (b) of the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 issued by Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change in 2019, the cost of compensatory afforestation shall be levied from the user agency. In this regard, an undertaking has already been given with the proposal.
- (iii) In the revised proposal, necessary correction has been made.
- (iv) An undertaking in this regard was sent to your office vide this office no. 1496 dated 21.7.2020 and the same is furnished again to the effect that no tree felling is involved in this case.

It is further submitted that the application processing fee has already been paid through bank challan (copy attached) alongwith the payment of an amount of Rs. 1,07,600/- (One lac seven thousand six hundred & fifty) in the Green Punjab Mission (FCA) online through UTR no. SBIN320199085821 dated 17.7.2020. Kindly forward the case duly recommended for approval please.


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