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**OFFICE OF DISTRICT TOURISM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER KULLU
DISTRICT KULLU H.P**

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Kullu, Distt. Kullu HP

Dated: - 18 March, 2024

Subject: - Diversion of 0.3644 ha. of forest land in favour of Department of Tourism for the construction of Way Side Amenities near Rohtang Tunnel (South Portal) within the jurisdiction of Kullu Forest Division Distt. Kullu HP.(online proposal No.FP/HP/Others/68104/2020)

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter no. FD-KUL-A003(02)/4/2023-FCA-FD (KLU)-FOREST CIRCLE KULLU, dated 21.2.2024 on the subject cited above. In this regard, it is submitted that reply of points raised by EDS by MoEF &CC, GoI on dated 22.12.2023 is as under:-

- 1. Point No - 1** Pertains to the Forest Department.
- 2. Point No - 3** It is submitted that Justification of Alternative proposed site of Way Side Amenities (WSA) near Rohtang Tunnel (South Portal) within the jurisdiction of Kullu Forest Division Distt. Kullu HP has been uploaded on Parivesh Portal as well as attached in this letter as "**Annexure - A**".

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosure: As above.

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Reply of Point No. 3 Justification of Alternative proposed site of Way Side Amenities (WSA) near Rohtang Tunnel (South Portal) within the jurisdiction of Kullu Forest Division Distt. Kullu HP.

It is submitted that most of the tourist activities are catered around the Atal Tunnel (South Portal) area, making it one of the most sought-after destinations. As the tourist season commences in March-April, the South Portal area becomes a snow point, attracting numerous visitors. Therefore, there is a need for ample parking space and facilities for tourist including washroom and catering point to avoid haphazard parking and inconvenience the tourists especially kids and old age tourists near the Atal Tunnel (South Portal). The footfall has been increasing every year and there is a requirement for a large parking and public conveniences. Additionally, a popular horse trekking route exists from Solang to the Atal Tunnel, where many tourists visit and enjoy horse riding.

Considering the aforementioned facts and the complete lack of private land near Atal Tunnel Rohtang (South Portal), locating this project in the forest land because inescapable and have been uploaded. The alternate sites being studied feature dense forest cover, which would involve a greater number of trees. The proposed site is well-connected and shall require minimum use of forest land. Therefore, approval for diverting forest land for Way Side Amenities at South Portal near Atal Tunnel may kindly be granted.


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