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No. WL (Misc.)/Grahan Kasol & Kasol/

To

Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA) O/o PCCF (HoFF) H.P.

Subject:-

Diversion of 1.496448 hectare of forest land in favour of M/s Beena Butail, Palampur, Bandla Tea Estate Palampur, Tehsil Palampur, District Kangra, HP for the construction of Kasol Hydro Power Project (5 MW) SHEP within the jurisdiction of Parvati Forest Division, District Kullu, Himachal Pradesh.

Memo.

Please refer to your office letter No. Ft.-3796/2018 (FCA) dated 22.08.2020 on the subject cited above.

In this regard, it is informed that the matter has been got enquired into through CF Kullu & CF GHNP Shamshi and on the basis of their report the comments of undersigned are as under:-

- 1. That the aerial distance of the proposed project i.e. weir site is 40 meter and Power House 500 meter from the boundary of Kanawar Wild Life Sanctuary and falls within the Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- 2. That the overall impact of proposed project to flora and fauna/biodiversity of ESZ is assessed as Low.
- 3. That the Wildlife Mitigation Plan for the Rs. 65,65,000/- is also prepared by the User Agency and the same has been approved by the undersigned.
- 4. That the animals like Common Leopard, Fox, Monitor Lizard, Civets, Leopard cat, Jungle cat, birds etc. that can be frequented in the area are highly adaptive to human habitations, the impact on which can be minimized by taking mitigations measures and mitigation measures are suggested in the Wildlife

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- Conservation, Mitigation and Management Plan which is recommended by Monitoring Committee of ESZ.
- 5. That the above project is only allowed in ESZ in consonance with the measures suggested in the above plan.
- 6. That the provision for requirement of animal passage is also suggested in the above plan.

However, while taking further necessary action in the matter it may be ensured that all the instructions, rules, stipulations and guidelines on diversion of land in Eco-Sensitive Zone are strictly observed and adhered to.

This is for favour of information and further necessary action at your end please.

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