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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Sub: Construction of approach road from T-14 P1 to Adit T14 with one dumping yard at village Sawalakote, Tehsil Arnas, on USBRL Project- regarding issuance of Forest Rights Act (FRA) Certificate.

In compliance with the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India's letter No.11-9/98-FC (pt) dated 3rd August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 ('FRA', for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes read with MoEF's letter dated 5th February 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain exemption/relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that 28500 sqm of forest land is proposed to be diverted in favour of **Northern Railway, required for the Construction of approach road from T-14 P1 to Adit T14 with one dumping yard at village Sawalakote, Tehsil Arnas, on USBRL Project**, in district Reasi.

It is further certified that:

- (a) The complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire 28500 sqm of forest area proposed for road with one dumping yard. As per MoEF letter No. F. No. 11-9/98-FC(pt.), Dated: 5th Feb 2013 for linear projects like construction of roads, there is no requirement of resolution (meeting/consent) of Gram Sabha of that area for forest land, use of which is proposed to be diverted. Hence, no such records of all consultations and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) and the District Level Committee are enclosed.
- (b) Divisional Forest Officer, Mahore, Forest Division Dharmari vide office No. DFÖ/MFD/2199-2200 dated 15-02-2021 has communicated that **no recognized rights of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTG) and Pre Agricultural Communities (PAC) shall be affected in diversion of forest land for non forest use i.e. the Construction of approach road from T-14 P1 to Adit T14 with one dumping yard at village Sawalakote, Tehsil Arnas, on USBRL Project.**

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Hence, Forest Rights Act certificate is issued for forest land measuring 28500 sqm required for above mentioned Northern Railways project.

No. DC/RS/120-21/1908-10/SQ
Dated: 17.02.2021

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District Collector
(Deputy Commissioner)

Reasi
17/2/21

Copy to:-

1. Chief Engineer, Northern, Rly, Jammu for information.
2. Deputy Chief Engineer(Constr.) , Northern, Rly. Reasi for kind information.
3. Divisional Forest Officer, Mahore/ Dharmari, for information.