## Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

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To,

## The Principal Secretary (Forests),

Department of Environment and Forests, Government of Himachal Pradesh. Shimla.

Sub: Proposal for seeking ex-post facto approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.3122 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of link road from Chanjyar to Kaloh (kms 0/0 to 2/690) within the jurisdiction of Bilaspur Forest Division, Distt. Bilaspur, HP (Online Proposal no. FP/HP/ROAD/145508/2021)- regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Himachal Pradesh letter No. Ft.48-5441/2021 (FCA) dated 23.09.2022 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this regard it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 23.09.2024. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting are uploaded at *parivesh.nic.in*. The Committee had detailed discussion and deliberation with the DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Chandigarh and Nodal Officer, Government of Himachal Pradesh. After going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made by the Nodal Officer, Government of Himachal Pradesh, the Committee decided to defer the proposal and observed the following:

- i. The State Government shall provide details of action taken against the violation as per provisions mentioned in consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
- ii. The State Government shall submit a revised KML file.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to furnish clarification/information, as indicated above, for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

## Copy to: -

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
- 2. The DDGF (C), Regional Office, Chandigarh of MoEFCC.
- 3. The Nodal Officer, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
- 4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.
- 5. The User Agency.