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

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Dated: 27th January, 2023

To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 58.2368 [61.4083 - 3.1715 (transferred to HPPTCL) = 58.2638) hectare of forest land in favour of M/s. JSW Energy Ltd. For the Construction 240 MW Kuther Hydro Electric Project Within the jurisdiction of Bharmour Forest Division Chamba, Himachal Pradesh - regarding change in the name of one user agency to another user agency i.e. M/s. JSW Energy Limited to M/s. JSW Energy (Kuther) Limited.

Sir.

I am directed to refer to the Government of Himachal Pradesh's letter No. Ft.48-2084/2010 (FCA) dated 06.01.2022 and the additional information submitted by subsequent letters dated 04.08.2022 and 23.11.202 on the above mentioned subject and to say that the Ministry has observed that certain compensatory afforestation plantations have failed and non compliance of the condition no. 5 of the approval letter dated 11.01.2013 read with letter dated 19.02.2013.

In view of the above, the Government of Himachal Pradesh is requested to ensure the compliance of the above mentioned issues and furnish a report thereon to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Asst. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- 1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
- 2. Regional Officer, MoEF&CC, IRO Shimla.
- 3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer, (FCA), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
- 4. User Agency.