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Sub: Diversion of 0.327 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD, for the construction of link road to village Bhogpur Simbalwala km. 0/0 to 3/440 (Portion 1/730 to 2/120 and 3/285 to 3/440 i.e. 0.545 km), within the jurisdiction of Nahan Forest Division, District Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh.

Ref: PCCF (HoFF), Himachal Pradesh Letter no. Ft. 48-3489/2016(FCA) dated 23.01.2023

Sir,

Kindly refer to the online proposal of Government of Himachal Pradesh on the above mentioned subject and reference seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of **0.327 ha** of forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Against **observation no. 1**, in the reply provided State Govt has submitted that the Gram Panchayat as violators and year of violation is 1990. Also, it is mentioned that HPPWD has completed its formation cutting in 2001-2002. The penal provisions as per para 1.21 (ii) of FCA Guidelines has been also provided. However, the reply is singularly silent on **provisions of para 1.21 (i) b and para 1.21 (ii) c. and d.** regarding the action taken by the department against violators and the officials concerned for not being able to prevent the use of forest land (**Reserve Forest** in this case) for non-forestry purpose without prior approval of Govt. of India. Therefore, the State Govt. shall furnish the **Action Taken Report** in this regard.

As per the latest direction of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India vide File No. FC-7/43/2020-FC dated 22.03.2022, the proposals for use of forest land for non-forest purposes which includes violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as specified in Para-1.21 (i) and (ii) will be examined at the level of Ministry after the recommendation of Regional Empowered Committee (REC). Therefore, the State Government is requested to submit the reply to this office at the earliest so that matter is put up in the REC.

Yours faithfully

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