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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi: 1100 03, **Dated: May, 2023**

To The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur.

Sub: Proposal involving non-forestry use of 174.510 Ha of Forest Land for Construction of Piperchhedi Tank in Gariyaband Forest Circle, Distt. Gariyaband, Chhattisgarh by Executive Engineer, Water Resources Division, Gariyaband, Chhattisgarh.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh's letter No. F-5-53/2016/10-2 dated 09.03.2023 on the above mentioned subject forwarding information as sought vide Ministry's letter dated 20.03.2022 and to say that as per District Collectors letter dt 16.07.2021, 110 ha is not revenue forest land however it is forest land belonging to State Forest Dept and said land is outside the revenue map boundary of the village Khudsa, Tehsil Razim. Accordingly, this 110 ha forest land may not be considered for CA purpose since the UA is State Govt. and the State govt. has to give equivalent NFL or orange forest land double in extent for CA purpose.

In this regard, the State Govt is requested to clarify the status of 110 ha land, whether it is an orange land or an forest land and submit the relevant documents in this regard for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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- 1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur.
- 2. The Nodal Officer (FCA) and APCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur.
- 3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Raipur.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.