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

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**Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2021** 

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests and Environment,

Government of Uttarakhand,

Dehradun

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of Uttarakhand Forest Development Corporation, Dehradun for renewal of collection of Minor Minerals from 628.8 ha forest land of Song River 1, 2, 3 and Jakhan 1, 2 for 10 years under Dehradun Forest Division, Uttarakhand regarding (Online proposal no. FP/UK/MIN/38285/2019).
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Uttarakhand's 283/FP/UK/MIN/38285/2019 dated 15.06.2021 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and forwarding a report ont he compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 04.02.2021 and to say that recently, matter related to sand mining was considered by the Standing Committee the NBWL, wherein the following was observed:

- i. The proposal was discussed in the 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife on 11.06.2021 wherein it has been decided that the State Government of Uttarakhand to submit the certificate of compliance for Sustainable Sand Mining Management Guidelines 2016 and Enforcement and Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining, 2020.
- 2. In view of the above, recommendation of the SC of NBWL and subsequent deliberations in the matter in the Ministry, it has been desired that a certificate, as per the recommendation mentioned above, may be submitted by the State Government for further necessary action in

the matter.

(Sharawan Kumar Verma)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests

## Copy to:

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
- 2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office (NCZ), Dehradun.
- 3. The Nodal Officer, (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
- 6. Guard File.