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

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To.

The Principal Secretary,

Department of Forests, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Civil Secretariat, Forest Complex, Exchange road, Jammu (J&K)-180001.

Sub: Diversion of 2.442 ha from Surinsar Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary for construction and upgradation of Road L-060 Kothar to Ponthal- reg.

Sir.

The above mentioned proposal was discussed in the 65th Meeting of Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life held on 24th September, 2021 through Video Conference under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change. After discussion, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal subject to following conditions:

- 1. The proprietary and legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue.
- 3. No harm to any wildlife species shall be done, if found accidently in the said area.
- 4. User Agency shall abide by all the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, provisions of wildlife Protection Act, directions of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and orders of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir in this regard.
- 5. Waste material including muck generated during execution of project shall be disposed of outside the protected area.
- 6. The user agency shall construct speed breakers at critical wildlife passage areas to be specified by the concerned Wildlife Warden.
- 7. The user agency shall construct under passes as per animal passage plan for free movement of wild animals.
- 8. The area proposed should not be used by the user agency for any purpose other than proposed.
- 9. The land so allowed to be used shall be returned to the department free of any encumbrances when it is no longer required by the User Agency.
- 10. The User Agency shall have to abide by all the conditions laid down in the sanction order issued by the Competent Authority.
- 11. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the Chief Wild Life Warden J&K for further submission to MoEF&CC, Government of India.
- 12. The Wildlife Department shall take up plantation in the affected area by planting five times the number of trees felled.

13. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

Details of the recommendations have been illustrated in the minutes of the meeting posted online in the "PARIVESH" portal of this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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- 3. The Joint Secretary, IA Division, MoEF&CC.
- 4. The Inspector General of Forests, FC Division, MoEF&CC.