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Nagpur - 440 001, Date: 10/10/2024

**Sub:** Proposal for diversion of 3.84 ha. Bade Jhad Ka Jungle and Zudpi Jungle Forest land in favour of M/s. Ashok Leyland Ltd; for non-forestry use i.e. Industrial Unit of Ashok Leyland in District Bhandara in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/IND/149884/2021).

- Ref:** 1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Nagpur, letter no. Desk-10/Land/C.R.956/2020-21/1193, dtd. 03.02.2022.  
2. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change, guidelines dtd.24.01.2022.

The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur on 03/02/2022 has submitted proposal for seeking prior approval for diversion of 3.84 ha. Bade Jhad Ka Jungle and Zudpi Jungle Forest land in favour of M/s. Ashok Leyland Ltd, for non-forestry use i.e. Industrial Unit of Ashok Leyland in District Bhandara in the State of Maharashtra to this office.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests (T), Bhandara has certified that the construction of buildings and other utility work of Industrial Unit of Ashok Leyland in District Bhandara has already been carried out in 3.84 ha of forest land. Hence violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 has been committed.

Since the construction work has already been carried out, hence it can't be treated as diversion. Also, as per the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, guidelines dtd.24.01.2022, utilization of forest land for establishing industries is a non-site specific activity and can't be considered on forest land.

Hence the proposal can't be considered in its present form and is rejected. The User Agency may submit the proposal for regularization if required.

**Encl:-** As above

(Naresh Zurmure)

**Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
& Nodal Officer**

To,

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Copy to: The Conservator of Forests, Nagpur for information and necessary action.

Copy to: The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara Forest Division, Bhandara for