

No.RK/ 9209
H.P. Forest Department.

Dated S/Nagar, the: 09/01/2023

From: Divisional Forest Officer,
Suket Forest Division,
Sundernagar.

To: Executive Engineer,
Sundernagar Division,
HPPWD Sundernagar.

Subject : **Diversion of 1.6676 ha. of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of Kangri to Jeghli via Jaral road KM 0/00 to 2/800, within the jurisdiction of Suket Forest Division, Distt. Mandi HP (Online -Proposal No. FP/HP/Road/52156/2020).**

Memo:

Kindly refer to your office memo No. PW-SNR-WA.R-27 (Forest)/22/-18611-13 dated 03/01/2023 on the subject cited above.

2. In this context, it is intimated that you have submitted the reply only w.r.t. point No. 1 but you have not submitted your clarification regarding **Protection Working Circle**. As Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition No. 202/1995 T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad Vs Union of India and others has ordered that **"There shall be no diversion of the forest lands allotted to a protection working circle in any working plan under FCA & FRA."**

3. Hence, as mentioned above diversion is not allowed in Protection Working Circle and the forest land required for the purpose falls in the Protection Working Circle. It is therefore, requested to justify your proposal keeping in view of above facts.

Divisional Forest officer,
Suket Forest Division,
Sundernagar.