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विषय: Diversion of 19.1788 ha of forest land in favour of NHAI for diversion of additional Forest Land requirement for four laning of NH-05 from Shakral Villageto Dhallisection (Shimla Bypass Package II from Km 146+300 to Km 156+560 and Shimla Connectivity from Km 0+000 to Km 0+725 for Design length – 10.985 Km) in already approved FCA case of the entire section from Kaithlight to Dhalli, within the jurisdiction of Shimla and Shimla (MC) Forest Division Distt. Shimla HP.

संदर्भ: Online Proposal No. FP/HP/ROAD/154923/2022 received on dated 14.12.2022.

महोदय/महोदया,

Kindly refer to the online proposal of Government of Himachal Pradesh on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of **19.1788 ha** of forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

As per the timeline details of the instant proposal in the PARIVESH portal, it has been found that the proposal was accepted by the Nodal Officer dated **01.08.2022**. Since the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (FC Div) vide File No. FC-11/118/2021-FC dated 29.06.2022 has informed that **Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022** published in the Gazette of India on 28.6.2022, and accordingly, Ministry further directed vide File No. FC-11/118/2021-FC dated 18.07.2022 and mentioned that **“Provisions of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 shall apply to the proposals submitted online through Parivesh portal and which have not been accepted by the Nodal officer before 28.06.2022”**.

Therefore, to adhere to the provision of para 9 (4) (a), **“the Project Screening Committee shall examine the proposal received from the State Government or Union territory Administration, except proposals involving forest land of five hectares or less”** and the procedures laid down in the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022, the minutes of the meeting of Project Steering Committee (PSC) needs to be uploaded.

In view of the above, the instant proposal is not plausible to process at the IRO level in the absence of Minutes of the Project Steering Committee (PSC).

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