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To,

CCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FC), Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment Van Bhawan, Below Gumat, Jammu-180001 (ccffcajk1@gmail.com)

Sub: Diversion of 0.208 ha forest land for Construction of Ms. Prince Fuel Station, District Kathua, UT of Jammu & Kashmir-reg.

Ref: i) Online proposal bearing on FP/JK/Others/153306/2022 received on dated 19.10.2022

Sir,

Kindly refer to the online proposal of Government of Jammu & Kashmir on the abovementioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of **0.208 ha** of forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The reply sent by the DFO wrt NFL/CA can't be accepted as the justification quoted therein, is for the linear project within the Protected Forest and subject to maximum 100 trees. Hence, the following information/clarification is still required to be submitted:

i) Since, the proposed site is Gair Mumkin Jhad and is forest for the purpose of FC Act, and non-linear, suitable equivalent CA site in the form of Non- Forest Land (NFL) has to be provided by the User Agency and the State Govt shall prepare CA scheme for the same NFL. The SOI toposheet, DGPS Map and land suitability certificate shall be modified based on the status of NFL.

3. The compliance to the above may be submitted within 30 days from the date of issue of this letter failing which the proposal shall be liable to be rejected for want to information.

Yours faithfully Sd/-(Raja Ram Singh) DIGF (Central) Regional Officer IRO Jammu

Copy to: -

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