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**Government of Punjab  
Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation  
Forest Complex, Sector-68,  
S.A.S Nagar, Punjab.  
(FCA Branch)**

To

Dated 05/05/2021

Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
Northern Regional Office, Bays No. 24-25,  
Sector 31-A, Chandigarh.

**Sub: Diversion of 0.938 ha (Instead of 0.917 ha) 0.778 ha area closed U/s of PLPA 1900+0.139 ha area delisted from PLPA 1900+ 0.0207 ha PF area of ha) of forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Rupnagar Head Works Rupnagar Water Resources Department, Punjab for construction of Jeowal-Bhatoli-Baruwal-Massewal-Majher-Chikna-Nard Lift Irrigation Scheme Falling within the jurisdiction of Rupnagar Under Forest Division Rupnagar, Punjab FP/PB/IRRIG/60833/2020/**

**Ref: Your office letter No. 9PBB327/2021-CHA dated 16.02.2021.**

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With reference to the subject cited above, reply to the observations made by your office is as under:-

1. A copy of the correct authorization letter has been uploaded online in Part-2 by the User Agency (Annexure-I).
2. A copy of correct Item Wise Break Up has been uploaded at S.No.1 of additional information of online in Part-2 (Annexure-II).
3. Correct Legal Status of Forest has been entered in Checklist Serial No.6. Copy of the same is enclosed at Annexure-III.
4. DFO, Rupnagar has reported that the proposed area in this proposal was checked as per the mapping of Forest Area by FSI and the density of vegetation varies from 0.1 to 0.2 (10% to 20%) and is enclosed at Annexure-IV.
5. DFO, Rupnagar has reported that the User Agency has applied for NOC of the PWD vide letter No. 577/166 dated 18.12.2020. User

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Agency has given an undertaking that the NOC will be submitted after receipt of the same. A copy of the Undertaking is enclosed at Annexure-V.

6. As per the undertaking submitted by the User Agency an equivalent non-forest land in favor of the Forest Department will be mutated after the Stage-I clearance. The same has been uploaded at S.No.4 of additional information of online Part-II. DFO, Rupnagar has recommended the above undertaking and has also reported that modified CA scheme will be submitted after the mutation of equivalent non-forest land by the User Agency. Copy of the same is enclosed at Annexure-VI.
7. The Divisional Forest Officer, Rupnagar has reported that after joint inspection by the concerned Range Officer and the User Agency, a revised marking list of trees has been prepared and now 30 trees and 06 poles will be affected in this proposal. A copy of joint inspection report is enclosed at Annexure-VII.

It is, therefore, requested that Stage-I approval of Government of India under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 to divert the forest area for use of non-forestry purpose may kindly be conveyed.

ADDL PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS-CUM-NODAL  
OFFICER (FCA)

CC:

1. Conservator of Forests, Shiwalik Circle. SAS Nagar.
2. Divisional Forest Officer, Rupnagar.
3. M/s Executive Engineer, Rupnagar Head Works Rupnagar Water Resources Department, Rupnagar, Punjab.