REPLY BY NODAL OFFICER TO QUERY (EDS) DATED 3.2.2017 RAISED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSAL FOR FOREST CLEARANCE OF 6.76 HECTARES FOREST LAND FOR APPROACH ROAD TO CEMENT PLANT SUBMITTED BY M/S GREEN VALLIEY INDUSTRIES LTD

**Query:** Will be processed only after applications for Forest Clearance have been received from the Company in respect of all lands identified by JIT held by the Company. Please expedite application for the same.

**Reply:** The Company, M/s Green Valliey Industries Ltd, has filed applications for forest clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for all the forest land identified by JIT held by the Company, as follows:

- Application for prospecting licence of limestone in 0.44 ha out of 44.58 ha of
  forest land has been submitted by the Company, and accorded 'In-Principle
  Approval' by the Govt of India. A compliance report to the conditions of the
  'in-principle approval' has also been submitted to the State Govt for taking up
  further with the Govt of India.
- Application for forest clearance of 6.55 ha of forest land for limestone mining etc has been submitted by the Company. The application has been processed and submitted to the State Govt. online on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 and in hard copies on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017.
- Application for forest clearance of 6.76 ha of forest land for approach road to cement plant has been submitted by the Company. The application has been processed and submitted to the State Govt. online on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 and in hard copies on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.
- 4. Application for forest clearance of 10.71 ha of forest land for limestone mining and safety zone has been submitted by the Company. The application has been processed and submitted to the State Govt. online on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017 and in hard copies on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

Since the Company has submitted applications for all the forest land identified by JIT held by them as mentioned above, the proposal for diversion of 6.76 ha of forest land at SI No. 3 above may kindly be processed further.