GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS & WILDLIFE A-BLOCK, 2ND FLOOR, VIKAS BHAWAN, IP ESTATE, NEW DELHI-110002

F.No.158/WFD/COT/17-18/Package-I/ 42 92-95

Date: // June 2019

To,

ADG (Central)
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Regional Office (CZ)
Kendriya Bhawan, 5th Floor
Sector 'H', Aliganj
Lucknow-226020

Kind Attn.: Ms. Prachi Gangwar, AIG (Forests)

Sub: Land for Compensatory Afforestation in NCT of Delhi-reg.

Ref: Your office letter No. 8B/DLI/06/02/2019/219 dated 28.05.2019

Sir,

Kindly refer your letter no. 8B/DLI/06/02/2019/219 dated 28.05.2019 on the subject cited above in response to this office letter No. 158/WFD/COT/17-18/Package-I/3418-20 dated 07.05.2019. The position described in the letter is slightly in variance- the land proposed to be used for non-forest purposes is owned by DDA but has a Forest over it. Therefore, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is enforceable. Keeping in view the fact, the proposal was forwarded along with Annexures on 07.05.2019 which clearly specifies that at Indrapath village, Near Sarai Kale Khan Yamuna Bridge, behind PWD office, NH-24, Delhi, there is land ad-measuring 12 ha. which has been found suitable for carrying out Compensatory Afforestation.

The proposed land is also with DDA. As the land is close to Yamuna Flood Plains, the site is suitable for Compensatory Afforestation. Previously also, DDA has not agreed for mutation in favor of Forest Department and User Agency obtained exemption from the Supreme Court. It is a fact that in Delhi a large chunk of portion of Forest land is with other agencies but forest laws are enforced by the Forest Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

In this case also, if the CA land is not mutated in favor of Forest Department, after allotting the said land, DDA can give it to Forest Department for carrying out Compensatory Afforestation. Subsequent to it, it can be notified as Protected Forest which can be

protected, conserved as per law and in accordance with the terms and conditions of Stage-I/ Stage-II clearance accorded by MoEF&CC, GoI.

Yours faithfully

(Ishwar Singh)
Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests &

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Copy to:

- 1. DGF & SS, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh, New Delhi-03 for kind information.
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