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To:

Conservator of Forests,  
South Circle, Gurugram.

**Sub.: Request for rejection of Proposals related to forest diversion of lands on PLPA areas covered in the matter of Divesh Bhutanl and others in Hon'ble Sureme Court. Online Proposal no. FP/HR/OTHERS/146037/2021.**

**Ref. : Your office letter no 5669 dated 09.03.226 and ACF(FC) o/o APCCF (FC), Haryana, Panchkula letter no. FCA/1234 dated 20.02.2026**

With reference to the subject cited above, it is informed that the present proposal seeking approval for the establishment of a retail outlet of HPCL in Village Mewla Maharajpur on Ankhir-Surajkund Road involves the use of both protected forest land and land notified under Section 4 of the PLPA. The proposal submitted for the establishment of the retail outlet is incomplete and does not contain the mandatory documents required for processing under the relevant provisions. It is also pertinent to mention that the proposal was not recommended earlier by the predecessor DFO/DCF due to the absence of essential documents.

The proposal is not recommended for the following reasons:

1. **No Change of Land Use (CLU) Certificate:** The CLU certificate issued by the Town and Country Planning Department / Municipal Corporation, or any other competent authority is an essential document for processing proposals under the Forest (Conservation) Act. Incomplete proposals in the absence of such mandatory documents cannot be recommended or processed. No document confirming that CLU has been granted has been uploaded on the portal.

Further, as per the observations and directions of the Central Empowered Committee dated 28.08.2025, "*The Change of Land Use or any other relevant documents shall be compulsorily verified by the competent authority before processing proposals under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.*"

2. **No NOC from the Road Owning Agency:** The No Objection Certificate from the concerned road owning agency, i.e., PWD (B&R), HSVP, or any other competent authority, has not been uploaded. The user agency has not obtained the required NOC for access to the proposed retail outlet site from the main road.

3. **Non – site specific nature of the Project:** The proposed project is non-site specific in nature. As per the report of the Range Forest Officer, Faridabad, two petrol pumps are already operational in the vicinity of the proposed site: one IOCL petrol pump located on the left-hand side at a distance of 2150 meters and another IOCL petrol pump located on the right-hand side at a distance of 597 meters from the proposed site. The nature of the project does not necessitate the establishment of the petrol pump at this particular location.


The proposed site involves not only protected forest land but also land notified under Section 4 of the PLPA. The project could be established at an alternative location where



minimal forest land is involved and where PLPA notified land is not affected. At present, in order to avoid further fragmentation of the Aravali landscape, only those cases of unavoidable public interest are being recommended, particularly where CLU has already been obtained from the competent authorities. Recommending such a proposal may lead to fragmentation of the Aravali landscape.

If the present proposal is recommended without obtaining CLU permission from the competent authorities, it may set an undesirable precedent for future cases. Therefore, in view of the above facts, the proposal is not recommended at this stage.

However, once the required documents, including the CLU permission and the relevant NOCs, are obtained and uploaded on portal by the user agency, the case may be processed and considered in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations and the final decision in the case may be taken by higher authorities.

  
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