Government of Punjab Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation (FCA Branch)

Dated: **14/07/2023**

To

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.

Subject: Sub: Diversion of 0.0013 ha of forest land for approach access road M/s. Jain Wood Works (Saw Mill) situated at Village Bhunga on Hoshiarpur Road to Dassuya Road, KM 22-23, LHS, Tehsil Bhunga and under Forest Division, Hoshiarpur Online Proposal No. FP/PB/Approach/146580/2021.

Ref: This office letter no. FOREST-FCA0FC3H/3/2022-FCA/-I/584189/2023 dated 19/06/2023.

With reference to the above subject and as discussed during the FRCM Meeting held on 13.7.2023, report has been taken from the Divisional Forest Officer, Hoshiarpur for further clarification. Accordingly it is clarified that :-

- 1. In the year 2014, Sh. Rohtash Kumar Jain had applied FCA case (Proposal No. FP/PB/ROAD/7125/2014) for access to his Dharam Kanda (Jain Dharam Kanda), but applicant had not submitted complete required documents, so the case was pending at user agency and was never sent to Nodal Office for further action.
- 2. DFO had asked User Agency to withdraw the proposal applied in 2014 vide letter No. 361 dated 16-06-2020 and was asked to apply new proposal in Approach Access category as per new guidelines
- 3. Sh. Rohtash Kumar Jain in year 2021 had again applied FCA proposal in Approach Access category by the name of Jain Bamboo and Wood Works (In year 2015 Sh. Rohtash Kumar Jain got **License**

No. 170/2015-16 for wood based industry). These both firms are owned by same owner and running in same premises (Project Site) and user agency has applied for same approach access.

- 4. It is further mentioned that kml file of project site uploaded in proposal submitted in 2014, is wrongly marked due to wrong DGPS coordinates. The site is shown on an agriculture land and belongs to other person (Sh. Mangat Ram S/o Sh. Madan Lal village Bhunga). The kml of project site of the FCA case applied in year 2021 is actual site, which is verified by field staff and reported by Range Forest Officer, Hariana.
- 5. It is clarified that instructions were issued to RFO Hariana vide letter No. 6727 dated 20-03-2023 to take necessary action against violation by concerned official. As per report submitted by Range Forest Officer Hariana, the concerned Range Officer and Block Officer has retired from service. A show cause notice has been issued to Forest Guard of that time.

In light of the above, the EDS raised in the present case may kindly be resolved.

Basanta Raj Kumar

NODAL OFFICER (FCA) 14/07/2023

CC: -

- 1. Conservator of Forests, North Circle, Hoshiarpur.
- 2. Divisional Forest Officer, Hoshiarpur.
- 3. M/s Jain Bamboo and Wood Works, Saw Mill, Village Bhunga on Hoshiarpur Road to Dasuya Road, Tehsil Bhunga & District Hoshiarpur.