

**Government of Punjab**  
**Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation**  
**O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)**  
**Forest Complex, Sector-68, SAS Nagar.**  
**(FCA Branch)**

To

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

**FCA/1980/269/2018/** 1007  
**FP/PB/Others/33014/2018**

Dated 19-3-2020

**Subj:** **FCA/1980/269/2018:- Diversion of 30.25 ha. ( Instead of 31.42 ha. ) of forest land for Developmetn of International Standard Tourism/Theme Destination in state of Punjab on Pathankot-Dalhousie Road, around Ranjit Sagar Lake area forest Division and Distt. Pathankot ( by Special Secy. Govt of Punjab, Dept. of Housing & Development, Pb.)..**

**Ref:** Your letter No. F.No.9-PIBC303/2019-CHIA dated 07.02.2020.

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Please refer to the subject cited above, the reply to the observations made by your office is given below:-

1. Revised Amended DEM has been uploaded in the online portal. A copy of Amended DEM is enclosed at **Annexure-I.**
2. Corrected DPR has been uploaded in the online portal. A copy is enclosed at **Annexure-II.**
3. The detailed designs shall be submitted as per norms and guidelines as illustrated under this Detailed Project report. The developer in PPP mode cannot come forward unless the status of stage I approval is communicated to him.
4. It is submitted that Development will be undertaking in area on parcels having elevation above 527.91 m above MSL, i.e. High Flood Line (HFL) as intimated by Ranjit Sagar Dam Construction (RSDC). For safeguarding the development further, a green buffer area of 3 m shall be retained as it is i.e. area between HFL 527.91 m and HFL + 3.0 m = 531 m above MSL. Thereby clearly mentioning that there shall be no development nor any change of Land cover in this described area. The honourable REC misconstrues the DPR with respect to permanent structure which was only related to Landscape Design and not in general. **Please refer page 49 of DPR**, clause mentioned in Landscape Design Guidelines: No permanent built structures in the Landscape Design Guidelines page. This clause clearly illustrates that the identified zones for nature zone and landscaping area shall not have any permanent structures.

It is, requested that the in principle approval of Govt. of India under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to divert the forest area for non-forestry purpose may be conveyed as per rule

**Encl: As above**

Nodal Officer (FCA),  
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.

**Endst No:** **FCA/1980/269/2018**

**Dated:**

A copy is forwarded to the following for information & further necessary action :-

1. Conservator of Forests, North circle Hoshiarpur /DFO, Pathankot W.r.t DFO Pathankot's letter No. 2226 dated 09.03.2020.
2. Special Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Housing & Urban development, Mini Secretariat, sector 9, Chandigarh.

Nodal Officer (FCA),  
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.