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H.P. Forest Department

From

Nodal Officer–cum-APCCF (FCA)
O/o Pr.CCF (HoFF), H.P. Shimla..

To

The Deputy Inspector General of Forest,
Sub Office, Ministry of Environment,
Forest and Climate Change, CGO Complex,
Shivalik Khand, Longwood, Shimla,H.P .

Dated Shimla-1, the

Subject: **Diversion of 0.02885 ha of forest land in favour of District Public Relation Distt. Bilaspur for the construction of Press Club Building at Changer Sector Bilaspur within the jurisdiction of Bilaspur Forest Division, Distt. Bilaspur. (Online Proposal No. /HP/Others/155916/2022).**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter No. FC/HPB/09/158/2022 dated 09.02.2024 on the subject cited above.

2. CCF Bilaspur has intimated that the proposed area for diversion of Press Club Bilaspur is very less (0.02885 ha.) and its location in the town makes it an ideal place for collecting, analyzing and distributing news. The land proposed for diversion is located at the District Headquarter, Bilaspur within the premises of the Mini Secretariat Complex where all important government offices exist and where the media fraternity finds it effective to gather information. The User Agency tried to explore other alternatives (as suggested by the REC) but couldn't do so. Due to the Notification of 1952, all Govt. wastelands have been declared as protected forests under IFA,1927.

It is also pertinent to mention that Deputy Commissioner Bilaspur has already issued a certificate of Non-availability of Non Forest Land vide his office letter No.BSADRA-2(12)/12-III-57147 dated 7th December, 2019. The User Agency has also assured that it will try to protect maximum number of trees(4 No.) standing in the proposed land.

Yours faithfully,

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