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No. D.VI-218(M)/
Himachal Pradesh Forest Department

From: CCF Bilaspur.

To: Nodal Officer -cum-APCCF (FCA)
O/o Pr.CCF (HoFF)HP, Shimla.

Subject:- Diversion of 0.02885 ha. of forest land for the c/o Press Club Building at Changer Sector within the jurisdiction of Bilaspur Forest Division, in Distt. Bilaspur, HP.

Sir,

Kindly refer to GoI letter No. FC/HPB/09/158/2022 dated 20.10.2023 on the subject cited above.

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The reply/information to the shortcoming as furnished by DFO Bilaspur is as under:-

Sr. No.	EDS/Observations	Reply to EDS
1	State Govt. has submitted the jurisdiction regarding non-site specificity of the project, however same is not convincing/justified. Therefore, State Govt. may provide the proper justification regarding the same also, clarify how proposed project activity is of public interest/utility. Additionally, State Govt. is required to upload the KML with desired components in distinct colors in the polygon form on the designated column of the PARIVESH portal.	User agency has intimated that the piece of land 0.02885 ha. selected for the construction of press club building at Distt. Headquarter is actually situated within the Mini Secretariat premises. All the important Govt. Offices are surrounding the area. Being Media is the forth pillar of democracy the selected land is a suitable place for all media fraternity of Distt. as well as State for quick respond and collection or dissemination of news in most fraternity manner. Hence, it is necessary that a press club should be constructed at the appropriate place so that all Govt. and non Govt. news and information can be available to the public at the right time. It would be in public interest to construct a press club at that site. It is also mentioned here that the construction of press club in the middle of Bilaspur city will facilitate collection and dissemination of news on AIIMS, Hydro Engineering College and Strategically important Bhanupali to Leh Railway project and fourlane project

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