No. Ft. 48-5248/2022 (FCA) H.P. Forest Department.

- From: Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA) O/o Pr.CCF, H.P, Shimla-1
- To: The Deputy Inspector General of Forest, Sub Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, CGO Complex, Shivalik Khand, Longwood Shimla, HP.

Dated Shimla-1, the

Subject: Diversion of 1.3463 ha of forest land in favour of Jal Sakti Vibhag for the construction of Source Level Augmentation of WSS/LWSS by' providing LWSS from Govind Sagar Lake at Kut Bounger, within the jurisdiction of Bilaspur Forest Division Distt. Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Water/l 18984/2021).

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter FC/HPB/0213812021 dated 24/08/2022 on the subject cited proposal.

2. The point wise reply to the observation as raised vide your above referred communication is submitted as below: -

- (i) The user agency has intimated that out of 1.3463 ha., violation in 0.0598 ha. has been done by user agency.
  - (ii) The violation was done during the year of 2022 in online Part-II.
  - (iii) The user agency and CF Bilaspur has submitted that compensation amounting to Rs. 3,49,047/- has been realized from the violators of FCA, 1980 and User Agency is ready to pay Penal NPV .
  - (iv) In this regard CF Bilaspur has intimated that upon finding out a possible violation of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in 2022, the field staff immediately stopped the work and issued damage reports in 2023. Determining the exact status of boundaries of the proposed land was delayed due to the absence of boundary pillars. Once the boundaries were clarified, the field staff issued the damage reports. Despite having recovered compensation, warning was issued to the concerned official due to the negligence involved be cautioned in the future. The violation was attributed to unintentional negligence by the field staff, rather than deliberate actions.

- (v) The bill of Penal NPV has been uploaded at Sr. No. 5 against the additional information detail column of Part-II.
- (vi) The requisite undertaking has been uploaded at Sr. No. 9, 19 &20 against the additional information detail column of Part-I.
- 2. The undertaking in this regard has been uploaded at Sr. No. 23 against the additional information detail column of Part-I.
- 3. The undertaking for providing the WLMP has been uploaded at Sr. No. 22 against the additional information detail column of Part-I.
- 4. The reclamation plan with 10 years maintenance has been uploaded at Sr. No.3 against the additional information detail column of Part-II.
- 5. The revised layout plan has been uploaded by user agency at Sr. No. 32 against the additional information detail column of Part-I.

Yours faithfully,

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