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भारत सरकार/GOVERNMENT OF INDIA एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय Integrated Regional Office पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय Ministry of Environment, Forest and ClimateChange सी.जी.ओ. कॉम्पलैक्स, शिवालिक खण्ड, लौंगवुड CGO Complex, Shivalik Khand, Longwood शिमला, हिमाचल प्रदेश-171001 Shimla, Himachal Pradesh - 171001



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विषयः Diversion of 0.4867 ha of forest land in favour of Sh. Baldev Singh Thakur, Director, Kufri FunCampus, Shimla for the construction of Gravity Zip Ropeway, within the jurisdiction of Theog(Shimla) Forest Division, District Shimla, H.P.

संदर्भः PCCF (HoFF), Himachal Pradesh Letter no. Ft. 48-5375/2021(FCA) dated 04.01.2023

महोदय,

उपरोक्त संदर्भित पत्र द्वारा प्रस्तुत प्रतिउतर का ध्यानापूर्वक अवलोकन करने के पश्चात दिया गया उत्तर संतोषजनक नहीं है।

In response to the observation no. 1, the site specific nature of the instant proposal as submitted by the State Government that *"the only way or mode of transport from Mahasu Peak to NH 5 Gallu*' is not justified; because perusal of the KML shows that the two end-points of the proposed alignment of the ropeway is already connected by the road almost running parallelly.

Moreover, the legal status of the proposed land is notified **Reserved Forest (0.2187 ha)** and Demarcated Prtotected Forest (0.268 ha). Para 1.15 of FCA guidelines as well as recent direction of the MoEF & CC dated 24.01.2022 has categorically mentioned that **non-site** specific activities cannot be considered on forest land as a rule. For that matter, no non-site specific proposal can be entertained for considering approval under the FCA 1980.

Therefore, State Government may explore the non-forest land/private land '*and/or*' deemed forest land etc., and accordingly revise the proposal; else this non-site specific project proposed in notified Reserved Forest and Demarcated Protected Forest shall be summarily rejected.

भवदीय,

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प्रतिलिपि सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषितः--

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