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Dated: 06/04/2022

To,

Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment Van Bhawan, Below Gumat, Jammu-180001 (ccffcajk1@gmail.com)

Sub:

Diversion of 7.4783 ha of Forest Land in Marwah Forest Division for Construction of road from Nowpachi Deherna upto Hanzal, District Kishtwar, UT of Jammu and Kashmir-reg.

Reg: i) Online proposal bearing on FP/JK/ROAD/51198/2020 received on dated 22.03.2021

Sir,

Kindly refer to the online proposal of Government of Jammu & Kashmir on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of **7.4783 ha** of forest land in **Kishtwar Forest Division** for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

- 2. After careful examination of the above-mentioned proposal of the Govt of J&K the following information/clarification are still required to be submitted:
 - (i) Under Colum A1, (iii) a Short Proposal Narrative needs to be provided.

(ii) Under column C (iii) Top sheet No. needs to provided.

- (iii) Under column C (iv), the DGPS map does not have Geo-coordinates for the dumping sites.
- (iv) On perusal of the KML file of the proposed area, has been noticed that the Aerial Distance of the proposed road is 5.6 Km from the Kishtwar High Altitude National Park. Comments from the CWLW need to be provided.
- (v) Under column G (a), The Cost-Benefit Analysis needs to be done using the revised NPV rates for which directions issued vide letter No. 5- 3/2011-FC (vol-I) dated 6th January 2022.
- (vi) The Following documents need to be countersigned by the concerned DFO:
 - a. Top sheet
 - b. Enumeration List
 - c. Layout Plan
- (vii) Under column 4(iii), the species' scientific name needs to be provided under the appropriate column.
- (viii) The muck Disposal plan has 13 Muck Disposal Sites proposed in the Reserved Forest Area for a Total area of 0.7718 ha. However, the area mentioned under the Muck Disposal plan is 1.476745 ha which is found to be quite uniform in terms of the area representing each site. Hence, the muck disposal plan needs to be submitted duly authenticated by the DFO and may look for another area other than Reserve Forest for Muck Disposal.
- (ix) Clarification regarding provisioning of biological Measures for all the 16 Dumping sites.
- (x) Under column 8 (v) of PART II for Marwah Forest Division, the presence of endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna has been reported by the DFO, which includes Leopard

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- (xiv) Uploading of specific recommendations of the DFO,CF and Nodal Officer as per format of PART II, PART III and PART IV respectively as given at Page No 22-24 of Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications), 2019, MoEF&CC.
- 3. The compliance to the above may be submitted within 15 days from the date of issue of this letter failing which the proposal shall be liable to be rejected for want to information.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-(Raja Ram Singh) DIGF (Central) Regional Officer IRO, Jammu

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- 2. Divisional Forest Officer, Marwah Forest Division.
- PMGSY Division PIU, Marwah. (<u>klthakurl@gmail.com</u>)
 They are requested to furnish the reply to the EDS at the earliest.

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(S. Senthil Kumar) IFS Chief Conservator of Forests,

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Nodal Officer (FCA)