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To
Divisional Forest Officer,
Morni Pinjore Forest Division,
Pinjore.

No:- 443

Dated 01 June 2021

Sub: Your proposal for Diversion of 3.98 Ha of Forest Land for widening & strengthening of Panchkula Sec 32 to Morni RD KM 0.00 to Km 17.700 in Dist Panchkula (Wildlife Area) MDR - 118-Reg.

Ref: Letter No.401 dated 31.05.2021 of your office

Please refer to the above subject and cited reference wherein you have forwarded the proposal for diversion of 3.98 Ha of Forest Land for widening and strengthening of Panchkula Sec 32 to Morni RD KM 0.00 to Km 17.700 in Dist Panchkula (Wildlife Area), wherein a total number of 2096 trees were proposed for felling and 1703 plants were likely to be damaged.

The site was inspected by the undersigned along with DFO Morni-Pinjore and his team of field officers concerned, Executive Engineer, PWD and SE PWD (who was present in the briefing meeting). The following observations have been made by the undersigned after the visit.

- As discussed during the inspection, the justification given by the user agency for 'why the widening of road is required' may need to be elaborated further, along with the present vehicle load / capacity, projected load and required capacity, keeping in view of the possible visitors to the area and carrying capacity of the destination spot.
- The project has been prepared in 5 parts, according to the Road IDs, as explained by officers of PWD. However, as discussed, the project may be split only into two parts (one involving the wildlife area, and another only forest area for diversion), so that the processing and further pursuance of the case of public interest may be expedited at different levels. SE PWD has agreed in principle to look into this aspect and do the needful.
- As discussed during the inspection, the tree enumeration exercise may be redone in some pockets to exclude some of the trees (though the number of such trees excluded was observed to be very less) and submitted accordingly. During this exercise, the

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fragility of the entire eco system and the possible impact of the project, especially of landslide and erosion aspects, may be kept in mind.

- As discussed with PWD officers, the project may indicate the special concerns and structures proposed for the site, to mitigate the short term impact in the area. This may include provision of wire meshes, retaining structures and other measures.

You are requested to send your response after clarifying / doing the needful on the above observations, for further consideration of the competent authority.

Chief Conservator of Forests,
North Circle, Ambala.

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