

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi - 110003
Dated: 30th June, 2023

To,

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पत्रांक- 23 /11-सी-FP/UP/Min/29061/2017, लखनऊ, दिनांक: जुलाई 05, 2023

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