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To,

The Deputy Director General (Central)
Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change,
Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing,
New Secretariat Building,
Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001

Sub:- Withdrawal of the government proposals with diversion area less than 1.0 ha.

Ref:- 1) Handbook of guidelines for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, dated 28/03/2021.

Sir,

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi vide letter under reference No.1 has issued guidelines in Chapter no.4 in para 4.3 regarding critical development initiatives for public

"General approval for diversion of forest area for the development of critical public utility and welfare projects undertaken by the Government:

a. Schools/Educational Institutes;

b. Dispensary/hospital;

c. Electric and telecommunication lines;

d. Drinking water;

e. Water/rainwater harvesting structures;

f. Minor irrigation canal;

g. Non-conventional sources of energy;

h. Skill up-gradation / vocational training center;

i. Power sub stations;

j. Communication posts;

k. Construction/widening of roads including approach road to roadside establishments

l. Upgradation/strengthening/widening of existing bridges by BRO

m. Police establishments like police stations /outposts /border outposts /towers in sensitive areas (identified by Ministry of Home Affairs)

n. Government approved community toilets partly or fully in forest lands involving not more than one-hectare subject to approval by GP in rural areas and urban bodies in urban areas, and
o. Water mills".

In this regards we wish to withdraw the proposals submitted by Government agencies with diversion area up to 1.0 hector. List of the proposal is enclosed herewith.

2.0 In view of the above, it is requested that the Government of India may kindly withdraw these proposals at the earliest.

Encl:- As above

Yours sincerely,



(Naresh Zurmure)

**Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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Copy submitted to the Principal Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai 32 for information.