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(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla

Sub: Temporary use of forest land for river dredging works at Raison, Jia and Chhoj Nalla in Kullu District of Himachal Pradesh – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the PCCF & HoFF, Government of Himachal Pradesh's letter no. Ft.48-66/2024(Misc) (FCA) dated 12.04.2024 on the above subject seeking approval of the Central Government for dredging of sensitive sites along the river Beas and Parvati and to say that the matter was considered by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 30.04.2024. The detailed minutes of the meeting may be accessed on the Ministry's website viz. www.parivesh.nic.in.

2. Based on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee and approval of the same by the competent authority of the MoEF&CC, New Delhi, the approval of the Central Government is hereby granted for carrying out dredging works at Raison, Jia and Chhoj Nalla along the river Beas and Parvati in Kullu District of Himachal Pradesh subject to following conditions:

- i. The Dredging work can be carried out in accordance with the guidelines given under para 1.7(a) and 1.7(b) of the Consolidated Guidelines issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Savardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and Rules framed thereunder subject to the condition that the end use of the dredged out material shall not be for any commercial nature or minor mineral used for other than forestry or river conservation measures. However, the State of Himachal Pradesh will be at their liberty for applying for seeking prior approval of Central Government in case dredged out material has to be used as minor mineral under the provisions of the Adhinyam.
- ii. No permanent change in the land use of forest land shall be allowed by the State Government. In case of permanent change in the land use, the proposal for ex-post facto approval shall be submitted in accordance with the guidelines given under para 1.7(b) of the Consolidated Guidelines issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Savardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and Rules framed thereunder.
- iii. The State Government shall ensure compliance of relevant directions passed by the NGT and Hon'ble Supreme Court with regards to dredging of rivers.
- iv. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
- v. No tree felling shall be done.
- vi. The environmental safeguards as proposed in the National Framework for

Sediment Management issued by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India shall be complied with by the State Government.

- vii. The compliance of the monitoring of the environmental safeguards shall be ensured by the DDMA and the State Pollution Control Board.
3. This issue with the approval of Competent Authority of the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Amit Anand)

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Shimla.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division.