

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

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To,
The PCCF (HoFF),
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla

Sub: Raising of compensatory afforestation in waste lands of Himachal Pradesh which are under the control of the State Forest Department, without insisting for their transfer and mutation – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Government of Himachal Pradesh's letter no. Ft. 48-66/2022 (guidelines) FCA dated 06.02.2024 on the above subject requesting this Ministry not to insist the notification of waste lands owned by the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

In this connection, it is to inform that after examination of the matter in the Ministry, it is observed that relevant provisions of transfer, mutations and notification have been incorporated in the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 based on policy decisions already taken by the Ministry after due deliberations with all concerned. Such provisions reflects the policy and statutory intentions to allow development works to be carried out without compromising the conservation principles and ecological stability. It may, therefore, be not prudent to relax the provisions as requested by the State.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'D'

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla
2. The Dy DDG (Central), MoEF&CC, Regional Office Chandigarh/Sub-Office, Shimla
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o of the PCCF (HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla
4. Guard File.