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Government of India

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Aliganj, Jorbagh Road New Delhi - 110 003 Dated: 16th November, 2018

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests & Environment,
Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla.

Sub: Identification and suitability of Non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – regarding identification of Land Bank for Compensatory Afforestation (CA).-regarding.,

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. FFEB-F (5)9/2017 dated 30.07.2018 on the above mentioned subject and to say that the matter has been considered in the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting on 20.09.2018. It is clarified the request of State Government of Himachal Pradesh was considered for Government waste land of HP which comes under category of Protected Forests (PF) as per Government of Himachal Pradesh notification dated 25.02.1952. These notified areas were neither demarcated on the ground nor transferred & mutated in the name of the State Forest Department in the revenue records. Therefore these areas shall be considered for the purpose of compensatory afforestation (CA) under Forest Conservation Act 1980, provided that double the area of such category is covered under CA and is declared as RF after mutated in the name of State Forest Department in a time bound manner. This dispensation will be applicable for the Centre/State Government projects and Private projects.

This issue with the approval of competent authority.

Shrawan Kumar Verma)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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- 1. The PCCF, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
- 2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (NCZ), Dehradun.
- 3. The Nodal Officer, under the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Forest Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.
- 6. Guard File.

Marawan Kumar Verma) Inspector General of Forests (FC)