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Palampur (HP)

Subject :- Regarding Permission for felling of trees for Diversion of 19.5896 Ha. of Forest land in Favour of NHAI for Rehabilitation and Upgradation to two lane with paved shoulder configuration & Strengthening of Padhar to Bijni from Kms. 180.000 to 202.815 (Package VA) (Design Length 19.050 Kms.) of NH-20 (New NH-154) of Pathankot- Mandi section in the State Of Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Road/154466/2022)

Sir,

Kindly refer the In-principle approval of Govt. of India letter No. FC/HPC/79/2023 dated 22.12.2023 on the subject cited above.

2 This is with reference to the Stage –I approval accorded by Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GoI, CGO Complex, Shivalik Khad, Longwood, Shimla H.P vide letter No. FC/HPC/79/2023 dated 22.12.2023 and in view of order passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide IA No. 15264/2022 in case titled as T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpas Vs Union of India, writ Petition (civil) No. 202/1995 and subsequent letters in this regard issued by Advocate General, Govt. of HP vide letter No. 1-14/2018 dated September 2022 and Pr. CCF (HoFF) Shimla vide his office letter No. Ft. 42-345/2019/Vol. III (FCA) dated 04/10/2022 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forest vide letter bearing F.No.11-306/2014-FC dated 08.08.2014, letter bearing No. F.No. 11-158/2017-FC dated 15.01.2015 and letter No. F.No, 11/306/2014-FC dated 07.05.2015, the permission for felling of trees and commencement of work in the forest land in Mandi Forest Range and Drang Forest Range is accorded in favour NHAI for **Diversion of 19.5896 ha Forest Land for Rehabilitation and Up-Gradation to Two Lane with Paved shoulder configuration & Strengthening of Padhar to Bijni (Package –VA) from Km 180.00 to Km 202.815 (Design Length 19.050 Km) of NH-20 (New NH-154) of Pathankot-Mandi Section in the State of Himachal Pradesh.** This is in accordance with the provisions contained in Govt. of HP letter No. FFE (B) F(13)53/2-2006-I dated 20.08.2011 and clarification issued vide letter No. FFE (8)F(13)5/2020 dated 14.12.2020.

Accordingly, in accordance with the provision contained in HP Govt. order No. FFE-B A(3)-1/99 dated 10/09/2002 & subsequent amendments, the felling of trees is hereby allowed, subject to Hon'ble Supreme Court Order No. 202/1995 T.N.Godavarman Thirumulpas Vs Union of

India & Others CWP No. 1358 Ram Lal Vs State of II & Others and LA No. 2370 & IA No. 15264/2022 in the case titled as T.N. GodavarmanThirumulpasVs Union of India, writ petition (civil) no. 202/1995 and subsequent, letter's in this regard issued by Advocate General, Govt. HP vide letter No. 1-14/2018 dated September, 2022 and Pr. CCF (HoFF) Shimla vide his office letter No. Ft. 42-345/2019/Vol.III(FCA) dated 04/10/2022. The permission is subject to following conditions:-

- i) Only those trees shall be felled which have been marked by Forest Department and felling of trees will be done through HPSFDC.
- ii) The area from where demarcation/markings or felling has been applied for does not form a compact wooded block of 5 ha. As per Govt. Notification No. FFE EO)-3/2001 dated 19/02/2011
- iii) Progress report will be submitted through RFO concerned.

Further, conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval by the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GoI, CGO Complex, Shivalik Khad, Longwood, Shimla H.P vide letter No. FC/HPC/79/2023 dated 22.12.2023 should be complied with in letter & spirit within 15 days. This permission is issued within the delegated powers of the State Govt. as conveyed by the Ministry with the Guidelines referred to above. If the stipulation as imposed in Stage-I approval will not be complied within 15 days, the permission can be revoked.

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Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Mandi Forest Division, Mandi H.P.

Endst. No. 10366-70 Dated Mandi, the 02.03.2024

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1. CCF (T), Mandi for information and necessary action please.
2. DFO, Publicity Shimla H.P. for information and necessary action. In this regard, it is intimated that as per GOI, MoEFC letter No. 11-306/2014-FC dated 07.05.2015 at P.No. (iii) and (Vii) it is mentioned that the permission with in-principle approval shall be placed in public domain by putting it on its website and ensure its availability in public domain. It is therefore, requested to put the permission with in-principle approval (Copy enclosed) in public domain please.
3. Divisional Manager, Forest Working Division, HPSFDC Mandi Distt. Mandi H.P for information and necessary action.
4. Range Forest Officer, Mandi and Drang for information and necessary action. They are directed to submit the marking list of the trees coming in the alignment standing on Forest/Non Forest (Govt.) at the earliest please.

End:- As above

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