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Block No.3, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Hall No.1, CGO Complex Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF Department of forest & Wildlife Preservation Forest Complex, Sector-68, SAS Nagar, Mohali-160062, Punjab

Sub: Revalidation of site-specific activities approved in Annexure 1-G of Annual Plan of Operations of 2022-23 of Punjab Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority.

## Ref: Letter no. State Authority/2023-24/1265 dated 17.04.2023

Sir,

The National Authority, New Delhi approved the APO 2022-23 for the Rs. 203.10 Crore vide letter No. NA-15/33/2020-NA dated 21.09.2022 and 09.12.2022. There was provision of Rs. 121.00 lakh (Rs. 98.00 lakh Purchase of Patrolling vehicles and Rs. 23.00 lakh for Purchase of Transport vehicles -truck 407) as per annexure 1-G under Compensatory Afforestation. While conveying the approval of the APO 2022-23, it was also mentioned in the general instructions that "Purchase of vehicles is not permitted. Vehicles are to be hired as per approved APO.

2. The minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Governing Body of the National Authority held on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Environment Forest and Climate Change were circulated by National Authority vide their letter No. NA- 5/10/2022-NA dated 22.03.2023. As per decision for agenda item No. 9.7 of the Third meeting of Governing Body, The State Forest Departments were allowed to purchase the multi-utility vehicles if the provision for the same has been kept in the cost of CA in the forest land diversion proposal under FCA, 1980 for monitoring and implementation of CA activities and approved by the Executive Committee of National authority in the APO.

3. Therefore, the purchase of vehicles as per the approved APO 2022-23 is allowed in the financial year 2023-24 ensuring the overall savings of provision for Compensatory Afforestation without increasing the financial outlay of the APO for the year 2023-24.

Yours faithfully

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(Subhash Chandra) Chief Executive Officer National Authority