

H.P. STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Him Parivesh, Phase-III, New Shimla (H.P.)

No. HPPCB/OA No. 445/2022 - 14473-74

Dated: 19.01.2024

To

✓ The Registrar General,
National Green Tribunal,
Principal Bench, New Delhi.

Subject: Further Action Taken Report in compliance to order dated 05.12.2023 passed by the Hon'ble NGT in MA No. 120/2023 in OA No. 445/2022 titled Surjeet Singh v/s State of HP &ors.

Sir,

Kindly refer to Hon'ble NGT's order dated 05.12.2023 passed in the above cited matter related to illegal cutting/uprooting of Khair trees in Rail Beat area falling in Dada Seeba Forest range, District Kangra, H.P wherein following directions were passed by the Hon'ble NGT:-

"...5. By order dated 09.01.2023 (copy enclosed with report dated 11.08.2023) directions were given by the Divisional Forest Officer for taking of action in terms thereof but what action was taken on the basis thereof has not been mentioned in report dated 11.08.2023.

6. Notice be issued to HPPCB and Divisional Forest Officer, Dadasiba Forest Division for filing further Action Taken Report within one month through e-filing portal (not through email) in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Supported PDF (not in the form of Image PDF). 7. List for further consideration on 24.01.2024...."

In compliance to the above directions of Hon'ble NGT, matter was taken up by the State Board with the concerned Forest Department authorities. Accordingly, Further Action Taken Report has been submitted by Divisional Forest Officer Dehra (annexed at **Annexure-A**) which may kindly be taken on record please.

(Enclosed: As above)

Yours Sincerely,

Signed by

Anil Joshi

Date: 18-01-2024 17:32:11

Anil Joshi, IFS**Member Secretary***Ht* **HPPCB, Shimla.**

Copy to: Sh. Aditya Vijay Kumar (Advocate), New Delhi: with request to appear on behalf of HPPCB (respondent no. 01) in this matter.

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Anil Joshi, IFS**Member Secretary****HPPCB, Shimla.**

No 10933

H.P. Forest Department.

Dated 12-1-2024

From: - Divisional Forest Officer
Dehra Forest Division
Dehra .

To:- Er. Varun Gupta
Asst. Environmental Engineer- cum- Nodal Officer
HP State Pollution Control Board
Regional Office, Dharamshala Distt Kangra HP

Subject:- Order dated: 5.12.2023 passed by the Hon'ble NGT in Original Application No. 445/2022 titled Surjeet Singh VS State of HP- Submission of Action taken report.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the order dated: 5.12.2023 passed by the Hon'ble NGT in Original Application No. 445/2022 titled as Surjeet Singh VS State of HP and also letter of Member Secretary HPSPCB , Shimla addressed to your goodself bearing number PCB(LB)/OA No. 445/2022 /3442-43 dated 21.12.2023 and the copy of same is endorsed to undersigned . Wherein the Hon'ble NGT had directed for filing of further Action Taken Report with in one month through e-filing portal (not through e mail) . In this regard, the Action taken report of forest department consisting of pages 1 to 5 and Annexures from 1 to VI (Pages 6 to 14) is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal and its further filing through e -filing portal please.

Encls: AA


Divisional Forest Officer
Dehra Forest Division
Dehra.

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL

PRINCIPAL BENCH

M.A. NO. 120 /2023

IN

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 445/2022

SURJEET SINGH

..... APPLICANT

VERSUS

STATE OF HIMACHAL PRADESH & ORS.RESPONDENTS

ACTION TAKEN REPORT BY FOREST DEPARTMENT IN

O.A. 445/2022

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :

ORDER DATED: 5.12.2023 PASSED BY THE HON'BLE NGT IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 445/2022 TITLED AS SURJEET SINGH VS STATE OF HP (ACTION TAKEN REPORT) :

The Compliance Report with regard to directions issued by Hon'ble NGT in Order dated: 17.10.2022 passed in Original Application No. 445/2022 titled as Surjeet Singh Vs State of HP "*Encourage by appropriate means for the plantation / compensatory afforestation in non forest land/ private land in lieu of Acacia catechu trees permitted for felled for the protection and improvement of Environment*" is as under:-

Action By Forest Department :

1. In Rail beat only, the plantation was carried out on 26 Ha. area of degraded forest during July –August 2023. A total 20800 number of saplings of various indigenous species had been planted out, of which 6000 number were of Khair spp. (Acacia catechu). Further in Dadasiba range a total of 156 Ha. degraded forest area was taken up for plantation during the current monsoon season by the forest department and 124800 plants of various species including Khair were planted out with active participation of local communities.

Also some of these plantation areas were adopted by :

- The Conservator of Forests, Hamirpur Forest Circle : UPF Banoori C3 (10 Ha.) in Rail beat
- The DFO (H/Q) o/o CF Hamirpur : UPF Rail C4 (10 Ha.) in Rail Beat
- The DFO Dehra : UPF Darab C2 (10 Ha.) in Dodoa beat
- RO Dadasiba Range : UPF Bandhol (10 Ha.) in Dodoa Beat

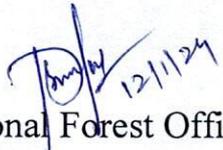
The photographs are attached as Annexure-1

2. 500 number of saplings of khair plant have been raised in Banoori Forest Nursery in Dodoa beat of Dadasiba Range. The cost of raising these plants in nursery was borne by the offenders who would also bear the cost of maintenance of these plants in nursery till the time these plants get distributed to forest fringe local communities free of cost for eventually planting out in their private land. The photographs of Nursery are attached as Annexure-II
3. 250 number of saplings of khair spp. were planted out by offenders themselves during August 2023 in UPF Banoori C3 of Rail Beat of Dadasiba Range. They will maintain these plants for next three years also.
4. 100 number of Khair plants were given to forest fringe local communities who have planted these saplings in their private land.

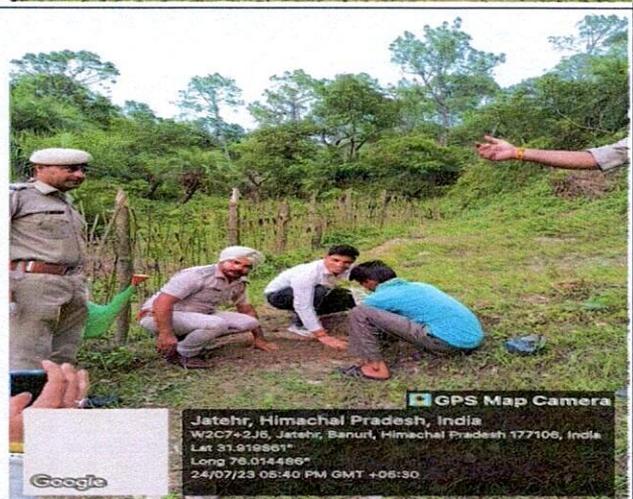
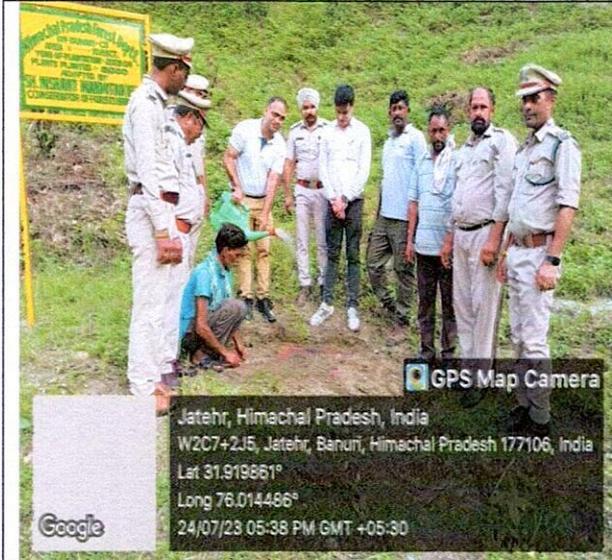
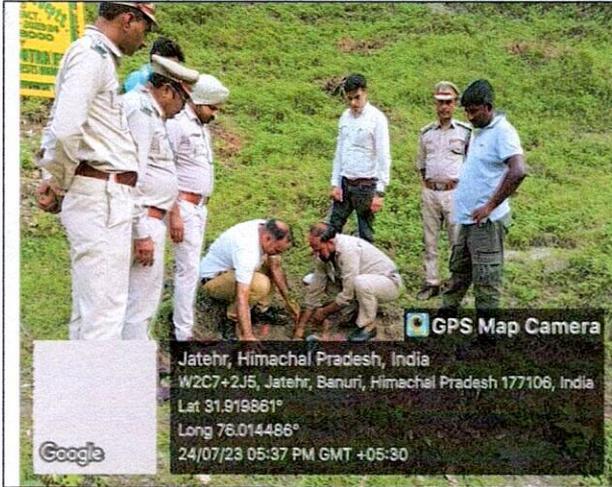
5. A plantation drive was conducted involving the local communities, Private sale forest contractors, Panchayat representatives as a mass awareness campaign in pursuance of direction of Hon'ble NGT for the protection of forests. During the drive, a total 500 number of indigenous plants were planted out, of which 150 were of khair spp. The photographs of this plantation drive are attached as Annexure-III.
6. To create awareness among the local communities in Rail Beat & adjoining areas about the importance of forests and wild life & to motivate them to conserve the bio- resources and to promote their understanding & co-operation, the forest staff of Dadasiba Range have conducted regular meetings with them and seek their cooperation in the protection & conservation of bio-diversity. Also they have conducted various awareness programs in schools to sensitize the students towards the importance of forests and wild life. The officers of Pollution control board have also participated in some program. The photographs are attached as Annexure-IV
7. It is further submitted that efforts have been made earnestly to check the incident of illegal felling and poaching. The regular group patrolling and nakkas have been conducted by the staff to protect the forest and wild life from smugglers. The photographs attached as Annexure-V.

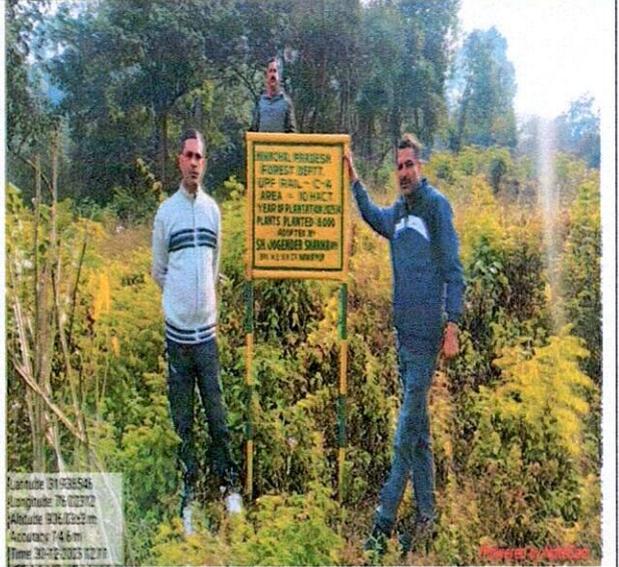
In view of submission made above the present action taken report may kindly be taken on record please.

Encls: AA


Divisional Forest Officer
Dehra Forest Division
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Annexture-I

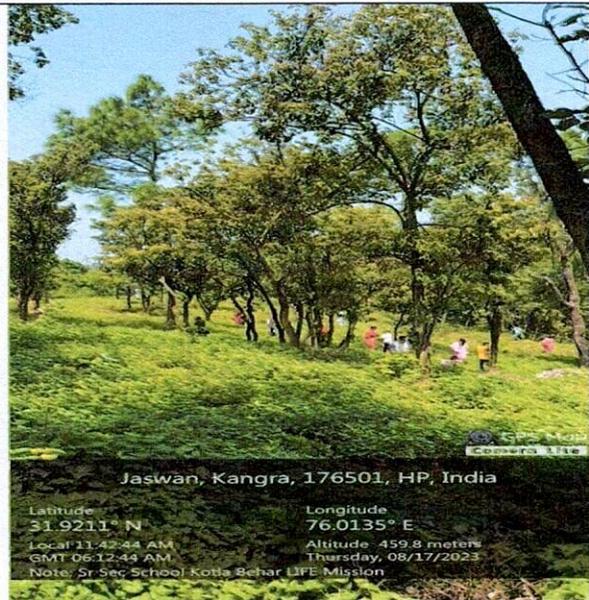
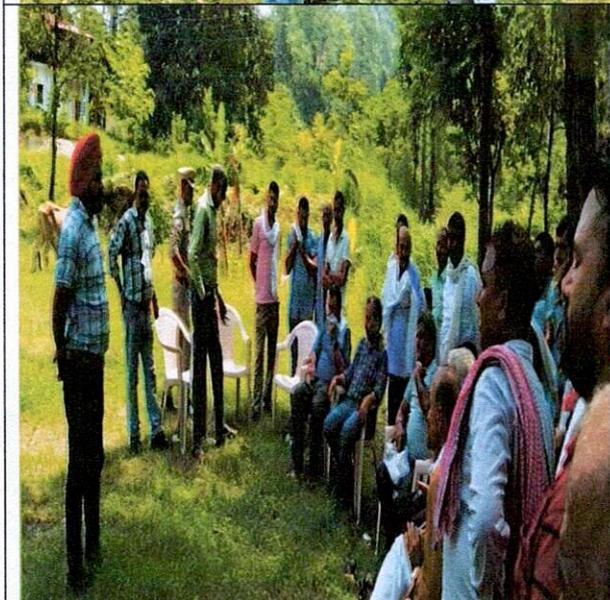
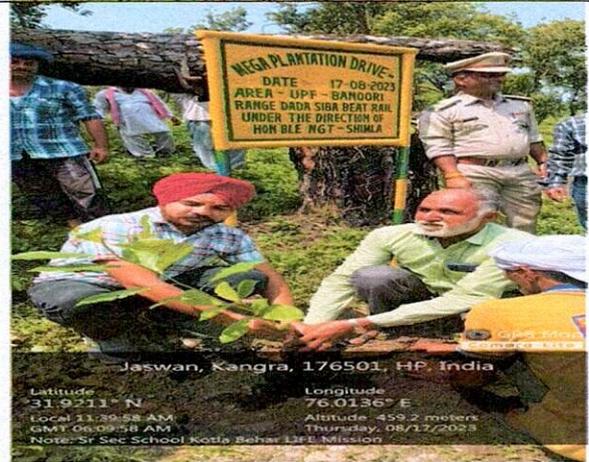
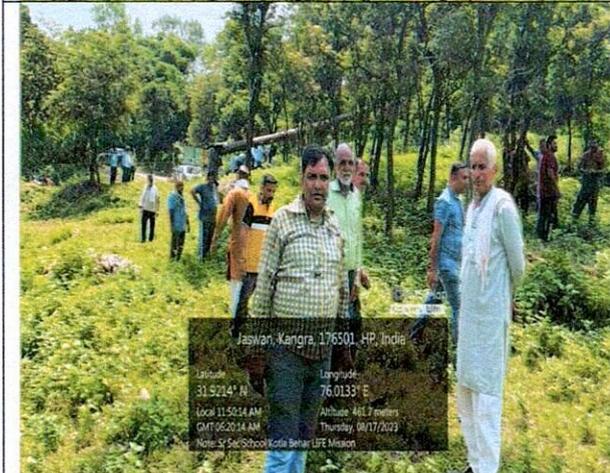




Annexure-II



Annexure-III



Annexure-IV

चित्रकला प्रतियोगिता में कृतिका प्रथम

डाडासीबा स्कूल में पर्यावरण दिवस के मौके पर बच्चों को किया जागरूक

कमल। डाडासीबा

शुक्र कोशिसभ सजकोस उरकुट विद्यालय डाडासीबा में विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस समारोह का विभिन्न जिला प्रदूषण कंट्रोल बोर्ड के कनिष्ठ पर्यावरण अधिकारी अमृत कुमार ने विश्व पर्यावरण के बारे में बच्चों को जागरूक किया जिसमें हमारा पर्यावरण संरक्षित रह सके उन्होंने स्टाटिस्टिक को प्रदूषण के लिए हानिकारक बताया जिसका हमें नियंत्रण सभी ढंग से करना चाहिए डाडा सीबा के वन परिक्षेत्र अधिकारी नैट सिंह ने पेड़ों की महता पर प्रकाश डाला उन्होंने पेड़ों के कटान को पर्यावरण के लिए खतरा बताया कार्यक्रम के दौरान स्कूलों बच्चों ने

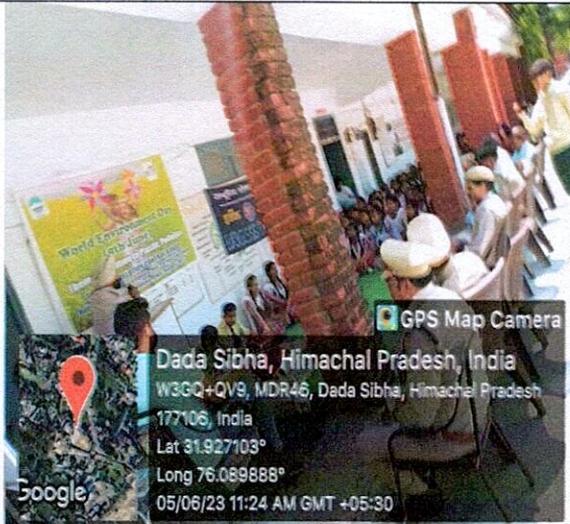


पेंटिंग के माध्यम से पर्यावरण को स्वच्छ रखने का संदेश दिया इस प्रतियोगिता में कार्यक्रम के दौरान पेंटिंग प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें बच्चों ने भाग लिया जिसमें 11वें की छात्र कृतिका प्रथम द्वितीय और 12वें की अर्पिता चौधरी तृतीय स्थान पर रही कार्यक्रम के दौरान

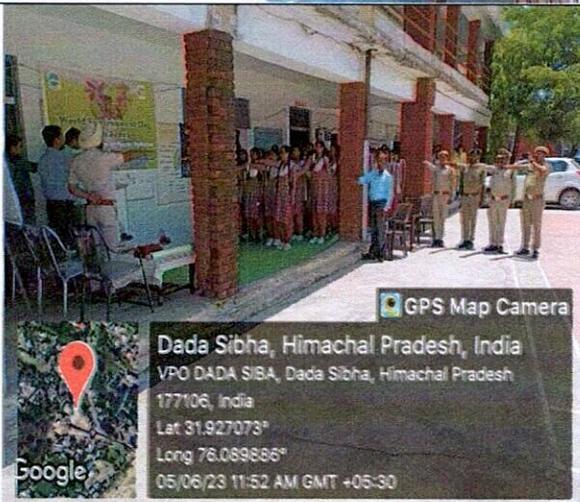
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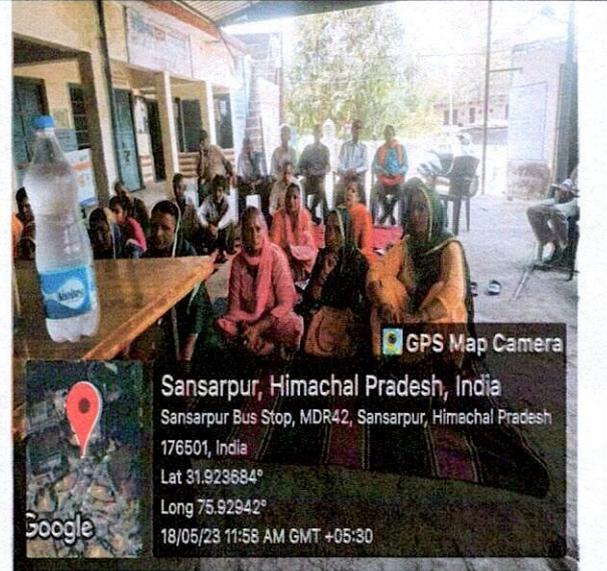
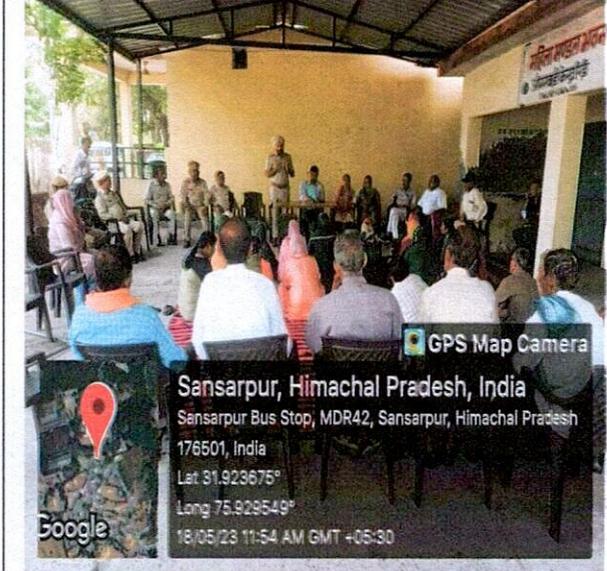
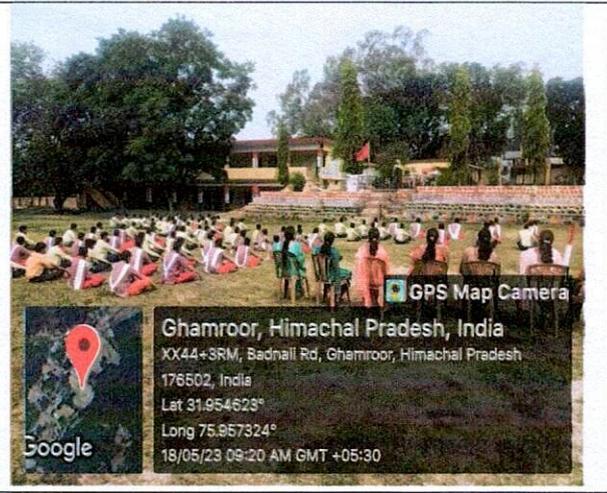
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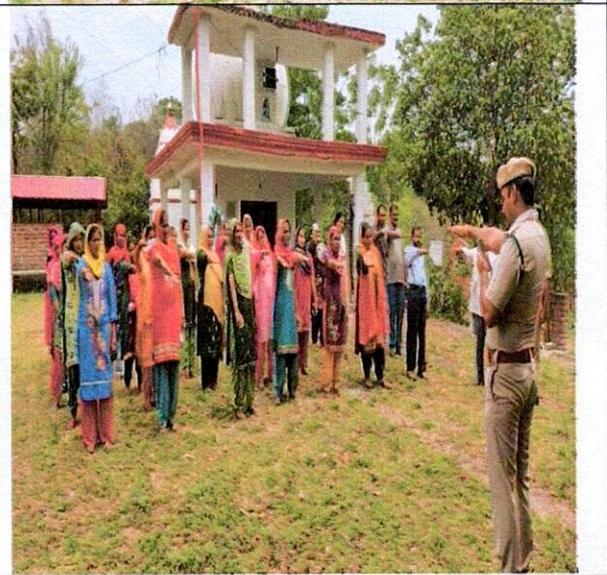
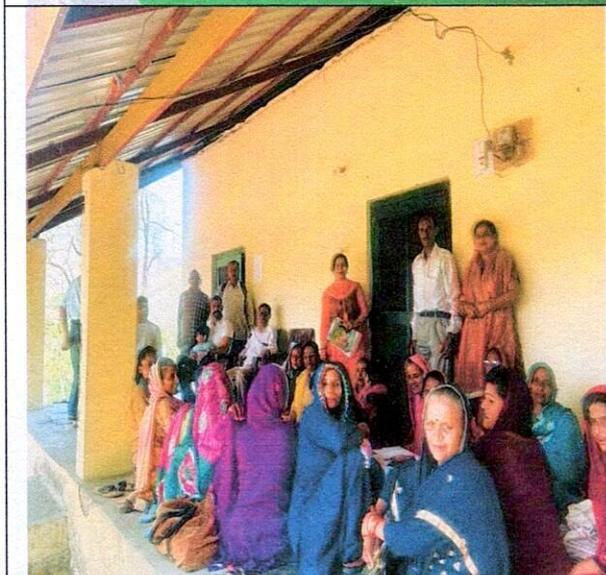
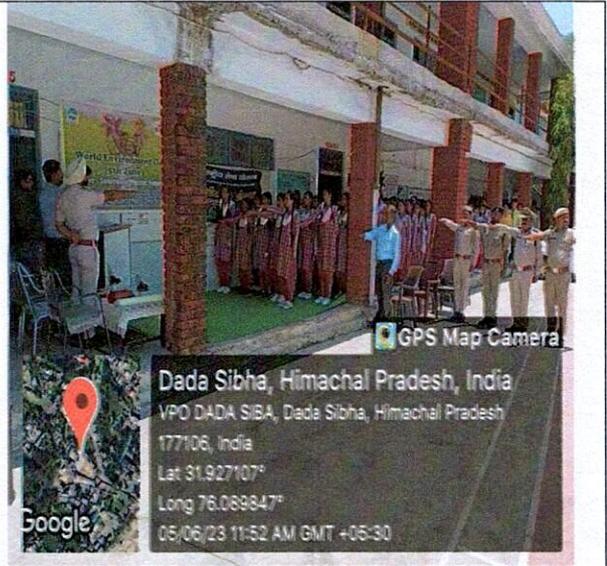


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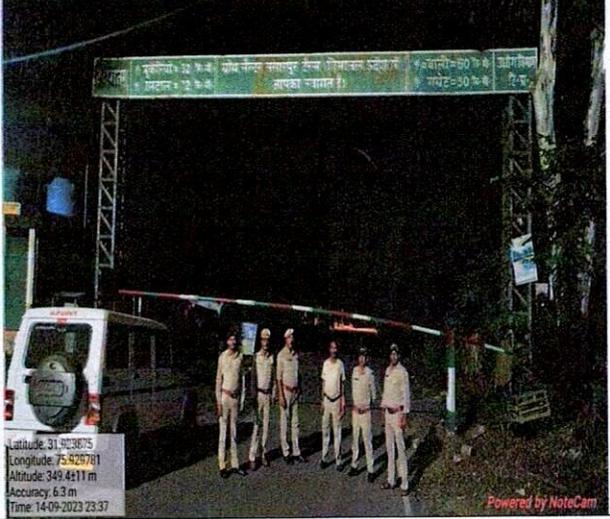
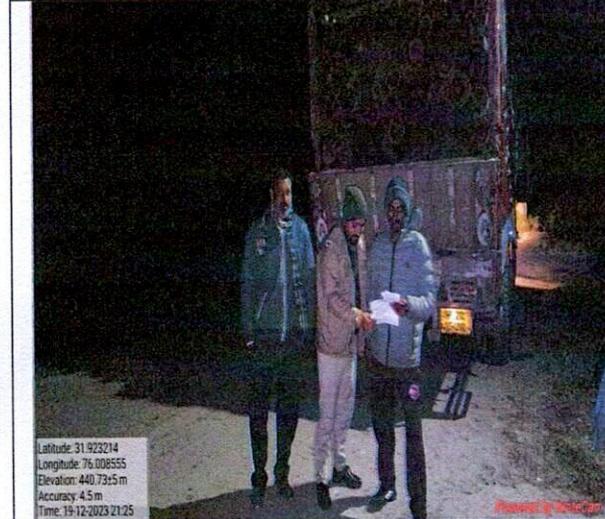
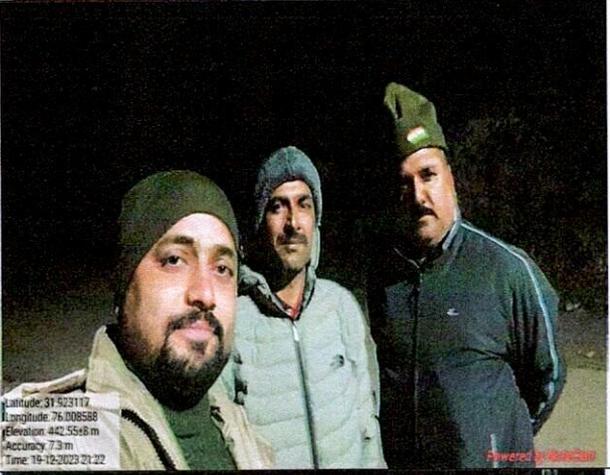
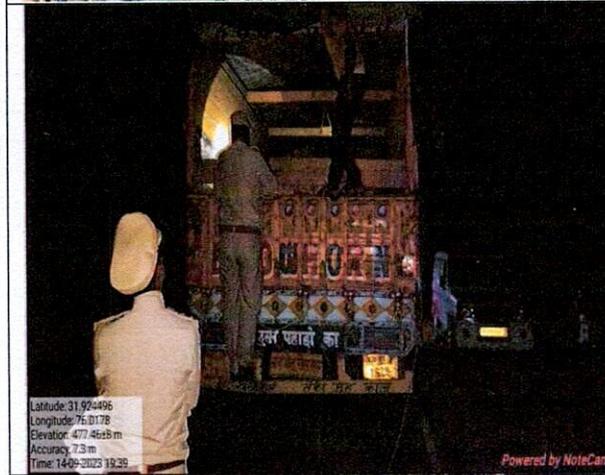
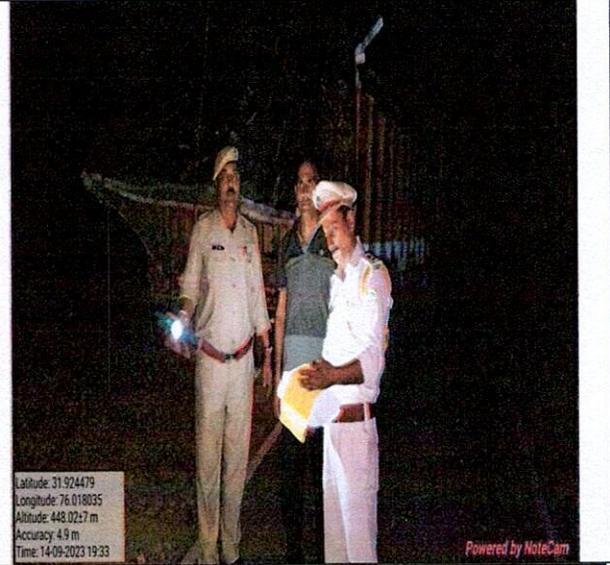
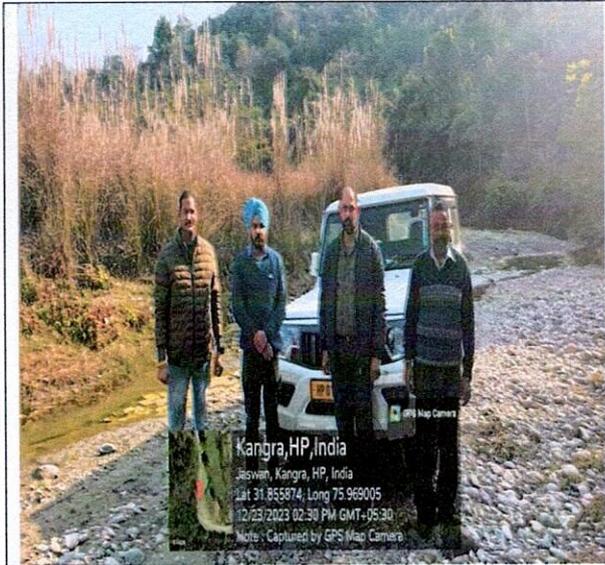


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Annexure-V



Annexure-VI

Office of Range Forest Officer Dadasiba Distt. Kangra, Himachal Pradesh
 Email : rangeofficedada@gmail.com

Letter No.: 1487/DS

Dated: 29/12/23

From: RFO Dadasiba

Subject: -

To: DFO Dehra

Compliance of directions of Hon'ble NGT regarding compensatory afforestation / plantation.

Memo,

Kindly refer to your office memo no. 6751 dated 21-11-2022 on the subject cited above. In this regard, it is submitted that: -

1. Plantation has been carried out on 26 Ha. degraded forest area UPF Banoori in Rail Beat Dadasiba block of Dadasiba Range during August 2023. A total 20800 number of plants have been planted out, of which were of 6000 khair species. The 10 Hactare area of which adopted by Conservator Forest Hamirpur. Annexure -I
 2. 500 number of khair plants have been raised in Banoori Forest Nursery in Dadoa Beat of Dadasiba Range. The cost of these plants was borne by the offenders. Annexure -II
 3. 250 number of plants of khair species were got planted during August 2023 by the offenders. They themselves have planted these khair saplings in UPF Banoori C3 forest of Rail Beat Dadasiba Block of Dadasiba Range. Also, they will do maintenance for the next three years.
 4. 100 No. of seedlings of khair species were given to the forest fringe communities in Rail Beat for planting on their private land.
 5. Special plantation drive was conducted under Hon'ble NGT orders on dated 17-08-2023 involving the local communities, local private sell contractor, local panchayat members, saw mill owners in planting 150 number of seedlings of Khair spp and 350 number seedling of other Broad leaves species in UPF Banoori forest Rail Beat Dadasiba Block of Dadasiba Range. The main purpose of drive to aware local people about importance of environment protection. Annexure -III
 6. The plantation of 10 Ha is carried out in Rail Forest of Rail beat adjoining to illicit affected area with plantation of 8000 plants of different Broad leaves species. Annexure -IV
 7. Proper record of these plantation has been maintained by the concerned forest guards.
 8. The undersigned along with the staff of Dadasiba Block, Kotla Block has conducted Environment awareness meetings with the local communities. Not only this but in collaboration with the officer of pollution control Board we have conducted awareness program in senior secondary school Dadasiba. The photographs of the program are attached. Annexure -V
- It is further submitted that efforts have been made by the staff to check the incident of illicit felling and poaching. The regular group patrolling and nakkas have been conducted by the staff to protect the forest and wild life from smugglers. Annexure -VI

This is submitted for favour of your kind information please.

Encls: AA


 Range Forest Officer
 Dadasiba Range