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Date: 12/01/2015

To,  
Hon'ble Secretary,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,  
Indira Prayavaran Bhawan,  
Jorbagh Road, Aligang, New Delhi – 110003

Sub: -Draft Notification in respect of Eco-sensitive Zone  
around Wildlife Centuries in UT of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

Hon'ble Sir,

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has issued a Draft Notification No. S.O.2927 (E) Dated: 17/11/14. Vide said Draft Notification; the Ministry has invited public objections/suggestions in respect of various proposals proposed in said Draft Notification. The General Public has to file their suggestions/ objections to the Ministry, within 60 days from the date of the Notification i.e. from 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

As we are filing our these suggestions/objections today i.e. 12/01/2015, which is well within prescribed time limit.

Our suggestions/objections are as under.

1. Vide the said Draft Notification, it is proposed to declare one hundred meters (100 mtrs.) from the boundary of the protected area of Dadra & Nagar Haveli Wildlife

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Sanctuary, on all sides, or up to the right of way (Sanctuary sides) of an existing road passing near the Sanctuary, whichever is less, as an Eco-Sensitive Zone.

We would like to mention and object that, Environment and Forest Department of our territory do not have any data of census, of the various species of the Animal and their numbers habitant in the said so-called Wildlife Sanctuary. Before declaring Wildlife Sanctuary, the Environment and Forest Department of UT even did not surveyed and obtained the data about the numbers of Wild animal habitant in that area. As per our Knowledge No Wild animals are habitant in the so called Wildlife Centaury. Even before declaring the area as Wildlife Sanctuary, neither public objection were invited, nor proper procedures as laid down in the act was followed.

So, prima facie the said area can't be termed as Wildlife Sanctuary. Hence in this condition, to declare Eco-Sensitive Zone around the so-called Wildlife Sanctuary does not arise. So our preliminary objection is that, in absence of Wildlife Sanctuary, no Eco-Sensitive Zone is required and can't be declared in UT of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

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2. As the area outside the forest land (Government Land) is owned by private parties, so their right to use their own land as per their discretion can't be encroached.
3. In the said Eco-Sensitive Zone, there are already resident habitants and industries which are already established. So the existing activities and expansion should be allowed without any prohibition or regulations.
4. The local Tribal are having very small pieces of land, so 100 meters is very big area and as the Tribal can't use their land for any other purpose, it is humbly requested that Eco-Sensitive Zone should be reduced to 50 meters from the boundary of so-called Wildlife Sanctuary.
5. As the local Administration is emphasizing the tourism sector, the hotels and resorts and other activities related to tourism should be allowed in the Eco-Sensitive Zone with certain regulations. So it is proposed that establishment of such activities may be of regulated instead of prohibited.
6. As mentioned herein above, our Administration is emphasizing on tourism sector, so all the activities which can attract tourist should be allowed freely in the proposed Eco-Sensitive Zone with certain measures of regulations.

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These are our few objections/suggestions of  
Ministry of Environment and Forest, Climate Change in  
respect of Eco-Sensitive Zone proposed to notify in  
Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

Before taking final decision in the matter, we  
humbly requested you to call us for personal hearing  
to explain our views in details

Thanking you,  
With regards,

For Silvassa Industries & Manufacturers Association

  
Chandrakant Parekh  
President

Copy to Chief Conservator of Forest, Silvassa, Dadra &  
Nagar Haveli.