

Annexure I

Details information pertains to Directorate of Forest & Wildlife, Puducherry having Forest with respect to the aspects highlighted in the order passed by the Hon'ble NGT in original Application No. 425/2023 in the matter of Deepika Khari Vs State of UP & Ors.

Sr. No.	Particulars			
i.	Number of forest fires incident which took place in the year 2024 in U.T. of Puducherry	Natural - Nil	Man-made - Nil	Any other reason (the reason may be specified)
ii.	Causes for the forest fires specified separately under the categories of natural, man-made or any other reason (the reason may be specified);	Not applicable		
iii.	Measures taken to remedy the damage caused by the forest fires;	1. Deployment of Watch & Ward staff, including executive and protection watchers/Mazdoor, for regular patrolling in and around forest areas. 2. Creation and maintenance of fire lines around forest boundaries to prevent the spread of forest fires. 3. Conducting village-level awareness programs to promote the rejuvenation of forest ecosystem services and encourage local stewardship for forest conservation. 4. The Forest mazdoor are well equipped with the equipment for firefighting. 5. Soil stabilization through soil and moisture conservation measures. 6. Inclusion of local communities in restoration efforts with employment opportunities		
iv.	Preventive measures proposed to be taken for preventing forest fires during the year 2025 and the following years;	• Regular patrolling by watch ward staff including executive and protection watchers. • Establishment and upkeep of fire lines and fire belts around vulnerable forest areas. • Strengthening community involvement and awareness campaigns at village and school levels. • Equipping forest teams with firefighting tools and conducting capacity-building training.		

		- Controlled prescribed burning during low-risk periods to reduce combustible biomass under strict supervision. - Establishment of control rooms for real-time coordination among forest, disaster management, and local administration. - Allocation of dedicated budget for fire prevention equipment, manpower, and patrols, accompanied by preparation of annual fire management plans. - Promotion of long-term ecological measures such as planting fire-resistant native species and maintaining forest moisture regimes through canopy cover and wetland protection.
v.	Budget amount allocated for undertaking remedial measures for remedying the damage caused by forest fires during the year 2024 with details regarding adequacy of the amount and modes of utilization; and	NA
vi.	Budget amount to be allocated for taking of remedial measures for controlling forest fires during the year 2025.	NA