REPORT OF
THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest,
ESIP, Forest Department,
Nawa Raipur Atal Nagar - 492 001

REPORT ON THE PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Ecosystem Service Improvement Project (ESIP) GEF Grant No. TF0A3990, which comprise the Statement of sources and applications of Funds and the Reconciliation of claims to total applications of funds for the year ended 31 March 2019. These statements are the responsibility of the Project’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards promulgated by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Our audit examines, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall
statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the sources and applications of funds of ESIP for the year ended 31 March 2019 in accordance with Government of India accounting standards.

In addition, in our opinion (a) with respect to SOEs, adequate supporting documentation has been maintained to support claims to the World Bank for reimbursements of expenditure incurred; and (b) except for ineligible expenditure as detailed in audit observations, if any, appended to this audit report, expenditure are eligible for financing under the Loan/credit Agreement. During the course of the audit, SOEs and the connected documents were examined and these can be relied upon to support reimbursement under the Loan/Credit agreement as per Annexure- 'A'.

This report is issued without prejudice to CAG's right to incorporate the audit observations in the Report of CAG of India for being laid before Parliament/State or UT legislature.

Date: 09/12/2019
Place: Raipur

Sr. Deputy Accountant General (Audit)
Annexure “A”

Statement showing the expenditure for World Bank-GEF-UNDP assisted Sustainable Urban Transport project (SUTP), for the year 2017-18

(₹ in lakhs)

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* During 2018-19, ₹ 14.00 lakh was advanced to Chhattisgarh State Bio-diversity Board for Formation of Bio-diversity Management Committees and preparation of Public Biodiversity Register. However, the work was not initiated and ₹ 7.00 lakh was already returned and the rest will be returned. Therefore, the expenditure should not be charged as the expenditure of the project.

Sr. Audit Officer
Financial Audit Wing