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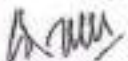
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Yours sincerely,


(Jual Oram)

Shri Virbhadra Singh,
Chief Minister,
Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Secretariat,
Shimla.



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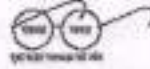
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Shri Raghubar Das,
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Government of Jharkhand,
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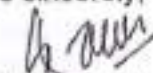
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Chief Minister,
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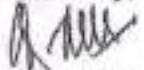
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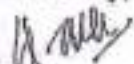
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