

**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH (CUHP)**

**FORM - A**

**Form for seeking prior approval under Section 2 of the proposals by the State Government and other authorities**

**PART - I  
(TO BE FILLED BY THE USER AGENCY)**

**1. Project Details:**

<p>i) Short narrative of the proposal and project/ scheme for which the forest land is required</p>	<p><b>Detail of the Project:</b>                      Prime Minister in his address to the nation on August 15, 2007, announced the establishment of a Central University in each of the states that did not have a central university so far. Subsequently, 11th Plan provided for the establishment of 16 new Central Universities. Accordingly, the Central Universities Act 2009 (No. 25 of 2009) which received Presidential assent on 20th March 2009 provided for the establishment of Central University of Himachal Pradesh amongst others. The Central University of Himachal Pradesh is established under the Central Universities Act 2009 (No. 25 of 2009) enacted by the Parliament. The University is funded and regulated by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The University became functional with the assumption of charge by the first Vice Chancellor on 20th January 2010.</p> <p><b>a) Revised Proposal</b></p> <p>As per Government of India requirement the State Government to provide 500-600 acres of land free from all encumbrances and after obtaining necessary clearance from all angles including FCA.</p> <p>The land is to be identified by the State Government but it is to be identified/approved by Government of India on the recommendation of a Site Selection Committee.</p> <p>Accordingly, Government of India constituted a Site Selection Committee vide Notification F.No. 42-24/2009-Desk(U) dated 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2010. The report of Site Selection Committee was approved by Government of India and accordingly the proposal was sent for FCA clearance of the following land :-</p> <p>A. Dharamshala                      B. Dehra</p> <p>The proposal was considered by the FCA vide file No.8-120/2011-FC dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2012 and informed as under:-</p> <p><i>"The Ministry had received a proposal which was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee. The Committee noted that the proposal had no non-site specific requirement and also that requirement of forest land is very large. The Committee also felt that many non-essential items have been included in the requirement of forest land like provision for future expansion of many facilities and science, technology and innovation park. It also recommended that the user agency should rationalize and minimize the forest land requirement. The Committee further recommended that the Ministry should request the Ministry of Human Resource Development to constitute a Joint Committee with the representative from Ministry of Environment &amp; Forests to formulated guidelines for use of forest land for setting up of</i></p>
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	<p><i>educational institutions with a focus to minimize loss of forests.</i></p> <p><i>In accordance with the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, the State Government has been requested to submit a revised proposal after rationalising and minimizing the requirement of forest land along with detailed plan of land use. In the meantime, the Ministry of HRD has also been requested to constitute a joint committee to formulate guidelines for use of forest land for setting up of educational institutions with a focus to minimise loss of forests."</i></p> <p>The proposal was further followed by the State Government through several communications from Chief Minister, Chief Secretary and Additional CS Forest. However in difference to the suggestion made by Ministry of Environment and Forests the proposal was taken up for revision.</p> <p>The Government of India constituted Site Selection Committee again vide Notification F.No. 42-24/2009-Desk (U) dated 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 (Copy of the Report of Site Selection Committee is placed as Appendix-I). The report of the Site Selection Committee was accepted by Government of India vide their letter No. 42-24/2009-Desk U dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 and accordingly the University is to have the following lands: -</p> <p>A. Main Campus at Dharamshala B. Satellite Campus at Dehra</p> <p>Thus the land proposed to be diverted has been rationalized to 156-66-20 hectares in Dharamshala and 81-79-16 hectares in Dehra from 62-54-26 hectares in Dharamshala and 317-97-97 hectares in Dehra.</p> <p>Accordingly, the University will have purpose built, state of the art 156-66-20 hectares campus in Dharamshala and 81-79-16 hectares campus in Dehra and will have seventeen Schools of Studies with nearly 90 Departments of Studies and about 50 Centres of Studies.</p> <p><b>Headquarters of the University:</b> Headquarter of the University is located in Dharamshala, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh. Dharamshala is a place with profile and is known worldwide. Serene Location, pleasant climatic condition, spiritual atmosphere of the location provides an attractive ambience conducive to academic pursuits.</p> <p><b>Permanent Campuses:</b> It has been decided by the Government of India/State Government of Himachal Pradesh that main campus of the University shall be located at Dharamshala where all the activities/programmes of the University except those which require massive and heavy infrastructure shall be accommodated. The other campus of the University shall be located at Dehra which shall accommodate the Schools requiring heavy infrastructure like School of Medical Sciences, School of Health &amp; Allied Sciences, School of Engineering Sciences &amp; Technology and Research Park.</p> <p><b>Temporary Campuses: Camp Office:</b> The Camp Office of the University is presently located in the Sanskriti Sadan (Writers' Home) at Dharamshala (Near International Cricket Stadium).</p> <p><b>Temporary Academic Block (TAB):</b> The Temporary Academic Block of the University is located in a newly constructed College</p>
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	<p>Building at Shahpur, District Kangra. Purpose-built, it is an eye-catching spacious three-storeyed building located amidst picturesque surroundings. Adequate to cater the present needs of classrooms, labs, faculty and students, it may provide inspiring space for academics. Large open space surrounding the building could provide facilities for outdoor games and sports facilities.</p> <p><b>Vision Document &amp; Strategic Plan:</b> University has adopted a holistic approach to development and has evolved, a comprehensive Vision Document, in consultation with eminent educationists and educational planners, detailing the academic architecture, curricular framework, programmes of studies, policies pertaining to admission, fees, governance &amp; administration, strategies for attracting quality faculty, physical architecture and infrastructure facilities, financial implications, phasing and roll out plan. Such a holistic approach to planned development shall ensure focussed, balanced and sustainable development of the university in a phased manner over a period of next 10 years. The document has already been considered and approved by the Academic Council and Executive Council of the University.</p> <p>Under the provisions of the Act <i>ibid</i>, the State Govt is to ensure the land free of any encumbrances. In order to fulfill the above requirement, the decision has been taken by the Government of Himachal Pradesh for making available to the Central University 160 Hectare of land, recorded as Jungle Mehphoza gair Mehdooda, for the establishment of main Campus at Dharamshala, which would attract the provision of Forest Conservation Act.</p>
ii) Map showing the required forest land boundary of adjoining forest on a 1:15000 scale map	Map enclosed at Page - ____
iii) Cost of the Project	The total cost estimate of the project is Rs.2000 crores i.e. Capital investment required is Rs.1569 crores and there is possibility for the university to get infrastructure worth Rs.435 crores built under PPP mode.
iv) Justification for locating the project in forest area	No non-forest land is available in District Kangra for the Establishment of Central University of Himachal Pradesh. Hence the project is to be located in forest land for which minimum requirement of land has been projected.
v) Cost benefit analysis (to be attached)	Since the proposal is for the establishment of Central University and being an educational sector institution the cost benefit analysis cannot be quantified directly. However, the university will be one of the world class universities of the world where all stake holders, the students, the faculty, the staff and the society at large shall be benefited and as such the real cost benefit ratio will be very high by establishing a Central University in Himachal Pradesh.
vi) Employment likely to be generated	There will be 17 school and approximately 90 departments for which total requirement of staff is 1530 i.e. administrative, non-teaching and technical staff 782 and faculty requirement shall be 748. The university shall also outsource the services like security, cleaning and sweeping, house keeping, vehicles maintenance, boarding facility for students and thus, it will generate employment indirectly to approximately 1000 persons on sustainable basis. Besides this, the university shall raise administrative, academic, residential and common service buildings and infrastructure and it is expected that it shall generate employment to the tune of around about ten crores



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	man days for skilled and un-skilled labour. Besides nearly ten thousand students, at a given point of time, shall be receiving higher education of excellence with most pursuit professional/technical programmes. This will further provide employability to graduates of the University.
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**2. Purpose wise breakup of the total land required**

(a) Component wise area analysis and forest land required	Attached
(b) Details of forest/other land required for dumping of muck/debris and quantum	Muck/debris will be disposed/dumped locally by filling the depression of the land.

**3. Details of displacement of people due to project, if any.**

a. Number of families	Nil
b. Number of scheduled caste/scheduled tribe families	Nil
c. Rehabilitation plan	Nil

4. Whether clearance under Environment (Protection) Act 1986 is required	No
5. Undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation and/or penal compensatory afforestation as well as cost of protection and regeneration of Safety Zone, etc. as per the scheme prepared by the State Government (undertaking to be enclosed)	Yes
6. Details of Certificates/documents enclosed as required under the instructions	Yes

  
 Director Higher Education  
 Himachal Pradesh  
 Himachal Pradesh

(Shashi Bhasha Shethi)

Date: 28.1.2014  
Place: Shimla

State Serial No. of proposal \_\_\_\_\_  
(To be filled up by the Nodal Officer with date of receipt)