Reply of point No.8 observation

This road from Prem Nagar to Chandog Km. 0/0 to 7/00 has been constructed under NABARD RIDF scheme after diversion of 2.53 hectare of forest land between Km. 0/0 to 1/035 and Km. 1/735 to 4/900. The approval for diversion of forest land has been conveyed by Ministry of Forest and Environment North Zone Chandigarh File No. 9- 1294/2002- ROC/ 131 dated 24.06.2002. Further the administrative approval and expenditure sanction for construction of road from Km. 7/00 to 10/200 was conveyed by the department of Social Justice Govt. of Himachal Pradesh under Schedule Cast Component Plan (SCCP) in January, 2007. The work for construction of road from Km. 7/0 to 8/600 was awarded to the contractor on dated 24.01.2007. In between 7/0 to 8/600 the road in 0.7 Km length has been constructed in violation out of which 303 mtrs is in forest land & 397 mtrs is in private land and areas in these reaches attract the provision of FCA 1980. Violation by the user Agency has been done due to non awareness/identification of the status of the land on which road has been constructed as there was no green tree felling was required. Work in the violation portion was awarded to contractor vide Executive Engineer Rajgarh Division letter No.PW/RGH/Estt./tender/2005-06-16244-51 dated 24.01.2007 amounting to Rs. 5,21,304/-and work amounting to Rs.3,47,425/- has been executed by the contractor in this portion. As the status of land came into the knowledge of the officials/officers of PWD department, the work was stopped and is kept pending till date for the want of diversion forest land. Now the road is proposed to be constructed under PMGSY for which DPR is to be submitted to the Govt. of India before 31.12.2016. The DPR under PMGSY will not be considered after this date by the Govt. of India. As per incumbency record Sh. Jabber Singh Verma, Junior Engineer were posted in the Dilman Sub Division under whose supervision this work in 0.7 Km length has been executed was retired from Govt. service.

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