

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Rampur Forest Division.


Sub:- Diversion of 0.1666 Ha. of forest land for construction of HRTC Bus Stand at Taklech within the jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division.

Sir,

This is with reference to the subject cited above. In this context this is to inform you that the conditions stipulated by your good office vide letter No. Z212 Dated 17.08.2024 are acceptable and compliance of the same is as under:-


Sr. No.	Observation	Reply
1.	The existing road to heritage FRH at Taklech is going to be subsumed under the bus stand leaving the FRH disconnected from the main road. Thus, it is essential that the project component includes an alternative road to the FRH to keep accessible for eco-tourists and visitors and the same may be clearly marked on the map/kml file.	An alternative road to the FRH to keep accessible for eco-tourists and visitors will be included in the project component. Also, revised KML file with road to FRH has been uploaded on the Portal.
2.	As the bus stand will touch the boundary of the FRH located over it, it is essential that a strong retaining wall is provided, in absence of which the stability of the FRH could be compromised especially considering the recent spate of landslide that has engulfed the state owing to heavy precipitation. Adequate support to the boundary of the FRH be provided by a strong retaining wall.	A strong retaining wall will be provided around the boundary of the FRH to protect it from land slide during rainy seasons and maintain its stability.
3.	The eco-tourist who visit the state comes with the expectation of spending time in a serene, noise-free and peaceful environment. The bus stand and the gamut of activities surrounding it that will come up in time have all the potential to disturb the serenity of the FRH and compromise its ecotourism. The way to balance this is two fold: a) Having a natural vegetative visual barrier so that the bus stand and its activity is visible to the ecotourist from the FRH. b) Building an auditory barrier so that the noise from the bus stand does not reach FRH. The bus stand should operate as a no-honking zone and the movement of buses should be as silent as possible. The responsibility of ensuring the same shall be with the operating authority, upon violating which, a provision of imposing suitable fines should be included in the proposal.	The natural vegetative visual barrier will be adopted for the visibility and its activities to the ecotourist from FRH. The auditory barrier will be build between the bus stand and FRH, so that the noise from the bus stand does not reach FRH.

Further, every care will be adopted to balance the twin imperatives meeting developmental needs and at the same time preserving the pristine and priceless environment of the state.


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Undertaking against point no.-2

It is submitted that a strong retaining wall will be provided around the boundary of the FRH to protect it from land slide during rainy seasons and maintain stability of the heritage FRH.


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Undertaking against point no.-3

- (i) It is submitted that a serene, noise-free and peaceful environment will be provided to ecotourists visiting this beautiful place and the natural vegetative visual barrier will be adopted for the visibility and its activities to the ecotourist from FRH.
- (ii) It is submitted that the auditory barrier will be build between the bus stand and FRH, so that the noise from the bus stand does not reach FRH and the bus stand will operate as a no-honking zone and the movement of buses will be as silent as possible.


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