

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NO.PW-BD/CB/WA-II/Forest-2025- 35/9-20

Dated: - 29-07-2025

To

The Deputy Conservator of Forest,
Forest Division Seraj at Banjar,
Distt. Kullu H.P.

Subject: - Diversion of 4.9 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the Construction of TattaPani to Khun Salhanu Dhar within the jurisdiction of Seraj at Banjar Forest Division, Distt. Kullu, Re-submission of case after attending observations thereof.

Ref:- Office Letter No. FC/HPB/102/2023, I/60714/2023. Dated.22.12.2023.

Sir,

Please refer to Letter No. No. FC/HPB/102/2023,I/60714/2023. Received from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Sub-Office, Shimla of Regional Office Chandigarh, on dated.22.12.2023 under reference on the subject cited matter. In this regard, it is submitted that the observations pertaining to this office are being attended as under: -

Sr.No	Observation Raised	Reply of User Agency
1	In Part-1, A -3 (xvii) the name mentioned in the authorization letter does not match with details of the person making the application.	The name mentioned in the Authority Letter is of the Engineer -in-Chief. All the Executive Engineers of the HPPWD Divisions have been authorized by him to apply for Forest clearance on behalf of the Department.
2	The State.Govt. needs to upload Administrative approval for the proposed stretch along the approved.	Administrative approval for the proposed stretch has been uploaded now.and the same is attached at Anexx-I
3	The KML uploaded under column C of Part-I online required correction/justification on the following points: - i. A fresh KML of the instant proposal needs to be provided in the polygon form of the diversion area as the proposed area for diversion is 4.9 ha , while the calculated area is 5.38 ha . ii. DGPS map need to be revised because from one side i.e., 31 35 52.83 77 21 59.04 not match the uploaded KML. iii. The KML proposed is passing through some establishment structures (Houses). State Govt needs to clarify whether the extant proposal requires displacement of the people, if yes. The same is required to be provided.	i. Revised KML in polygon shape has been uploaded now. ii. Revised DGPS Map has been uploaded now and the same is attached at Anexx-II iii. No displacement is proposed in the proposal. At some points the road is passing in between the houses. But no structure is being removed. iv. Revised KML in this regard has been uploaded and the alignment beyond the benefits has been re aligned. v. The KML file clearly indicating Forest/ Non-forest areas has been uploaded now.

	<p>iv. State Govt. needs to justify the extension of alignment beyond the benefits "salanu" in the well-forested area as it does not serve the purpose.</p> <p>v. The KML file of the project site uploaded doesn't have clear demarcation for forest/ non-forest areas. Hence, the KML file clearly indicates Forest/ Non-forest areas need to be uploaded</p>	
4	A Detailed Report on Alternate examined viz No of trees coming in the alignment and reason for rejection which is duly authenticated by concerned DFO need to be uploaded.	A Detailed Report on Alternate examined viz No of trees coming in the alignment and reason for rejection duly authenticated by concerned DFO has been uploaded. and the same is attached at Anexx-III.
5	The state Govt. needs to provide the list of trees enumerated (Compartment no/Khasra No.) in the proposed width of the road (As per IRC norms) along with the date of enumeration.	This Observation pertains to your good office.
6	A digital copy of the layout Plan in an appropriate scale which must include a legend and the proper dimensions of each component, such as Carriageway, Paved Shoulder, Earth Filling, Drain, and Protection Work, as well as area-wise calculations and Forest/Non-Forest area in different colors duly authenticated by the concerned DFO's needs, be uploaded	Layout Plan in an appropriate scale with all the legends and the proper dimensions of each component, such as Carriageway, Paved Shoulder, Earth Filling, Drain, and Protection Work, as well as area-wise calculations and Forest/Non-Forest area in different colors duly authenticated by the concerned DFO's is being uploaded now. and the same is attached at Anexx-IV.
7	The Muck dumping site is proposed in forest land. Suitable non-forest land/private land may be explored for disposal of muck as the non-forest land/private land is also involved in the extant proposal Also, a separate list of trees standing in muck dumping sites may be provided/uploaded, if muck dumping is proposed in forest land	In this regard it is submitted No Non-Forest land / Private land is available because due to Hilly State the land Holding of the people is very less. The people have already donated 1.14 Hec. Of their agriculture land for the construction of the road. Hence there is no additional Private Land available. Separate list of trees standing in muck dumping sites is to be provided by your office..
8	A complete Muck Management Plan along with Engineering Measures and Biological Measures for the effective management of muck generated duly authenticated by the concerned DFO needs to be uploaded.	Complete Muck Management Plan along with Engineering Measures and Biological Measures for the effective management of muck generated duly authenticated by the concerned DFO is being uploaded. and the same is attached at Anexx-V.
9	Under column 6 of Part II vulnerability of the forest area to erosion it mentioned -Not vulnerable to erosion. However, the proposed alignment is on a steep terrain which also involves the felling of a large	An undertaking to provide SMC Plan and to pay its cost as per MoEF&CC guideline dated 07.06.2022 is being submitted. and the same is attached at Anexx-VI.

	number of ecologically important species (Cedrusdeodara). As such, the Soil Moisture Conservation Plan (SMC) , along with its cost of implementation as per MoEF&CC dated 07.06.2022, may be provided/uploaded.	
10	State Govt. needs to upload the " Geologist Report " for the proposed alignment.	" Geologist Report " for the proposed alignment is being submitted. and the same is attached at Anexx-VII
11	UA shall submit an Undertaking duly authenticated by the concerned DFO that the recharge point of the seasonal streams and springs shall be taken due care from the disturbance, and sufficient measures shall be adopted to preserve the sources of these natural springs/streams and their flow.	In this regard it is submitted that no Stream, Nallah, or any other water body is falling in the alignment of the proposed road. An undertaking in this regard is being submitted. and the same is attached at Anexx-VIII.
12	The recommendation of the concerned DFO needs to be uploaded complete as per Handbook Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications) issued on 28.03.2019.	This Observation pertains to your good office.
13	According to Google Earth's latest image data dated 06/2022, it seems that approx. 9.53 (ha.) is available for the new plantation/target plantation out of 9.8 (ha.). The vacant area was evaluated after excluding mature/medium-sized trees standing inside the proposed CA site visible through the latest Google Earth Image. As such, the State Govt. shall explore the possible suitable CA site approx. 0.27 (ha.) to fulfil the target plantation/new plantation i.e., 9.8 (ha.)	This Observation pertains to your good office.

It is therefore, requested that the needful be done and the proposal be submitted to higher authorities at the earliest please.

Executive Engineer,
Banjar Division,
HPPWD Banjar.

Copy to the Assistant Engineer, Banjar Sub-Division, HPPWD Banjar, for information and necessary action. He is requested to pursue the matter in aforesaid office under intimation to this office .

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