

Diversion of 7.1203 hac. of Forest Land for Rehabilitation and Upgradation to Four Lane Configuration and Strengthening of Sihuni to Rajol (Package IIA) from KM 51.00 to KM 72.00 (Design Length of 18.450 km) of NH 20 (New NH 154) of Pathankot Mandi Section in the State of Himachal Pradesh

FILE NO. : FP/HP/ROAD/152261/2022
DATE OF PROPOSAL : 15.07.2022

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SITE INSPECTION REPORT NOT BELOW THE RANK OF DCF / DFO

(for the forest land to be diverted under FCA)

A proposal has been received by this office from Project Director, National Highway Authority of India. PIU Palampur, District Kangra (HP) - 176061 for diversion under FCA-1980 of 1.9475 ha. of forest land in Dharamshala Forest Division for non-forestry purpose. The project envisages the use of forest land for the Rehabilitation and Upgradation to Four Lane Configuration and Strengthening of Sihuni to Rajol (Package IIA) from KM 51.00 to KM 72.00 (Design Length of 18.450 km) of NH 20 (New NH 154) of Pathankot Mandi Section, Himachal Pradesh. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on date **03-08-2022**.

2. On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the user agency in Dharamshala Forest Division is a forest area measuring 1.9475 ha.
3. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col. 2 of part-I is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project.
4. Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area.
If so, the details thereof. : NO
5. Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority. : NO
6. (a) The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980 no work has been started without proper sanction. : (✓)
- (b) It has been found that the user agency has violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Indian Forest Act, 1927 / any other forest Act.
A detailed report as per para 1.9 of Chapter I, Part C of handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is attached. : (X)

Specific recommendation for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal : The diversion of 1.9475 ha of forest land is recommended for approval as it will have long term benefits

Place : Dharamshala
Dated : 03-08-2022.

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