

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Forest Division Shimla.

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**Sub:- Diversion of 0.331 ha of forest land in favour of Department of tourism, HP, Block No.28, SDA complex, Kasumpti Shimla for the construction of Proposed Helipad at Banradu Sanjauli, within the jurisdiction of Shimla Forest Division District Shimla Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/others/117866/2020).**

Sir,

On the subject cited above the EDS raised by the forest department has been attended and para wise reply for the same is as under:-

Sr.	Observation	Reply	Remarks
1.	As per Para 1.15 of FCA guidelines, since this is a non-site specific project, the State Government may scrutinize the alternatives in more details and must give complete justification establishing its inescapability for locating the project in forest area. Further, explored alternatives showing details of tree enumeration, area etc. with reason of rejection/acceptance may be provided and all alternates explored is required to be marked on KML file.	The land holding in Himachal Pradesh is very less and land acquisition is not possible as people of Himachal Pradesh are dependent on their land for their livelihood. Further, there is no non-forest land available in the region for the said project. Further, justification regarding alternatives explored with reason of rejection/acceptance has been uploaded on the portal.	Annexure-I & I-A
2.	As per the DSS analysis, the calculated area of the proposed DA is 0.003 ha however proposed DA is 0.331 ha. Moreover, the component mentioned in layout plan is not similar/matching to the component mentioned in the B-2.4, Part-I. Therefore, State Govt. shall mark all the desired components in the component wise breakup B-2.4 Part-I as well as in the polygon form in the KML file (with legend in distinct colours) and area of each component should be similar to the area mentioned in B-2.4.	The DA area of said proposal is 0.3310 Ha. The revised KML file and component detail has been uploaded on the portal. The component detail against Column No. B-2.4 in online Part-I has been rectified.	




3.	State Govt. may provide the Administrative and Financial approval of the proposed project approved by the competent authority.	Administrative Approval of the proposal has been uploaded against additional information detail in online Part-I	<b>Annexure-II</b>
4.	It may be clarified whether State Government has obtained Pre-feasibility Report for establishing aforesaid project from Competent Authority or not. If yes, then copy of the same may be provided. If not obtained so far then same may be obtained.	The Helipad is already constructed and the said proposal is for Night Parking for the already constructed Helipad. Hence, Pre-feasibility report is not required.	
5	In Sr. no-B-2.1, the name of Forest division is mentioned as Shimla (Shimla), however it is not clarified whether the proposed diversion area is falling under the jurisdiction of Shimla (rural) or Urban Division. State Govt. may review and rectify the same.	The proposed diversion area falls under the jurisdiction of Shimla Rural Forest Division.	
6	In the "Non-availability of non-forest land certificate" it is mentioned that "no suitable alternative Non-forest land is available for construction of night parking for heliport at Banredu". Therefore, State Govt. may provide the detailed Note/purpose/justification of the proposed helipad with its components.	Revised Justification for locating the project in Forest Land has been uploaded on the portal.	<b>Annexure-III</b>
7	State Govt may provide the detailed layout plan with its components in distinct colours with legends duly authenticated by DFO concerned.	Revised Layout Plan has been uploaded on the portal	<b>Annexure-IV</b>
8	In the "Detail of the project" cost of the project is mentioned as 14 Crore. However in part-I, A-I, (vii) it is mentioned as 100 lacs. Therefore, State Govt. may clarify the contradictory statement.	The necessary correction in column A-I (vii) in online Part-I has been done.	
9	In part-I, Sr. B-2.4 component wise breakup one component "helipad" is mentioned. However, in detailed note "VIP lounge" and Utility area" and all modern facilities mentioned. Also, in muck	Component wise breakup in column no. B-2.4 in online Part-I has been updated. Further, Revised Muck management plan has been uploaded on the portal	<b>Annexure-V &amp; V-A</b>



	management undertaking "runway" and "Safety area (RESA)" has been mentioned. Therefore, State Govt. may provide the component and purpose wise detail with Khasra No. respectively duly authenticated by DFO concerned.	against additional information detail in online Part-I	
10	State Govt may provide the undertaking for submission of FRA certificate with all prescribed annexure including records of all consultations & meeting with Gram Sabha & FRC of concerned villages.	Undertaking to provide complete FRA certificate has been uploaded on the portal	<b>Annexure-VI</b>
11	Approach access to proposed project from existing road is not proposed in the project. Therefore, if road is required in forest land, then same is required to be included in the proposal as an additional component. If road is not required then NoC from PWD/NHAI to take direct access from existing road is required to be obtained.	The extant proposal is for Night Parking at Helipad Banredu and approach road is not required as the said parking is to be constructed adjacent to the existing Helipad and will be accessed through the road already constructed for the Helipad.	<b>Annexure-VII</b>
12	Large number of trees (47) are proposed in a 0.331 ha for felling. Therefore, possibilities may be explored to reduce the number of trees to be felled. Felling of such large number of trees may case erosion/landslide in the diversion and/or adjacent forest area. Therefore, State Government may provide Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan along with detailed cost of its implementation in CAMPA account as per MoEF&CC directions dated 07.06.2022.	The proposed patch of land is adjacent to the existing Helipad and there is no possibility to shift the Night Parking for Helipad to some other alternative as this is the only patch of land feasible and most suitable as per the site conditions. Further, it will be undertaken that the trees at boundary of the proposal will not be felled and after completion of the project more trees will be planted around the parking in vacant area. Also, an undertaking to pay the cost of SMCP as per guidelines of MoEF&CC has been uploaded on the Portal against additional information detail	<b>Annexure-VIII &amp; VIII-A</b>



13	State Govt may provide the Non-availability certificate of Non-forest land for raising compensatory afforestation.	The process of obtaining NAC for CA is under process and will be submitted before Stage-I Approval. Undertaking for the same has been uploaded against additional information detail in online Part-I	<b>Annexure-IX</b>
14	State Govt. may provide/upload the detailed CA scheme of 662 plant with KML file, relevant map (DGPS/Toposheet) and Land suitability certificate of proposed CA area in the Sr. No-13, Part-II of Parivesh portal.	Pertains to DFO Office	
15	In part-II, Add. Inform. Detail, Sr. No-4, CA scheme of other FCA proposal (has been uploaded. State Govt. may review and rectify the same.	Pertains to DFO Office	
16	State Govt. may provide the NPV bill/Calculation sheet as per the latest MOEF & CC letter vide dated 06.01.2022.	Pertains to DFO Office	

  
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