

To,

The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Palampur Forest Division,  
Palampur, District Kangra, (HP)

Subject : Diversion of 0.9925 ha. of Forest Land in favour of HP Tourism and Civil Aviation Department for development for Development of Site for Paragliding at Billing within the jurisdiction of Palampur Forest Division (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Others/14799/2015).

Sir,

Kindly refer to the observations raised by DIG of Forests (Central), Govt. of India, Sub-Office Shimla (Regional Office, Chandigarh), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, CGO Complex, Shivalik Khand, Longwood, Shimla-171001 vide letter No. 8B/HP/09/90/2017 dated 09.10.2024 on the subject cited above.

In this regard the point wise reply to the observations are as under :

Sr. No.	Observation	Reply
1.	In reference of the observation No. 5, REPLY IS NOT ACCEPTED, upon perusal of proposed diversion area from Google timelines, it has been observed that existing structures are visible from 2021 onwards in the Polygon-B. State Govt./DFO concerned shall clarify the details of existing structures whether its approved under the V(SS)A, 1980 or not? If yes details of the same may be provided. If not, details of violation is required to be marked in designated column of Part-II. Also, details of approach access to the proposed DA may be clarify, if its required details of the same must be included in the proposal with area details and in KML/layout also.	It is submitted that structures visible in Polygon B from 2021 onwards are the temporary Inter-locked rubberized Mats laid on the ground to facilitate the para-gliders to take-off from the site. No permanent structures have been constructed on the area proposed for diversion. The temporary Inter-locked rubberized Matting was done under "Nayee Rahein Nayee Manzilen Scheme" scheme sanctioned by Additional Chief Secretary (Tourism and CA) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh and executed by the H.P. Forest Department. It is further submitted that the area proposed for Take-off Site in Polygon A is accessible by a pedestrian path and the Polygon B is accessible through HPPWD Bir-Billing-Rajgundha Road and adjoins to the Private Land on the South-east direction. Thus no additional land is required for approach access.
2.	In reference of the observation No. 8, REPLY IS NOT ACCEPTED, NPV bill calculation sheet not found uploaded. Therefore, State Govt. shall provide the NPV bill/calculation sheet as the MOEFCC order vide letter dated 06.01.2022.	The Point pertains to Your Office.

So it is requested to kindly reconsider the proposal for diversion of 0.9925 ha of forest land for development of take-off site for Paragliding at Billing in District Kangra, (H.P.).

Yours faithfully,



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