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To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Suket Forest Division, Sundernagar,
Distt. Mandi H.P.

Sub: Diversion of 41.815 Ha (Now 33.3292 Ha) of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of Slapper to Tattapani road (Km 8/500 to 61/600) within the jurisdiction of Suket and Karsog Forest Division, Distt. Mandi Himachal Pradesh.

Ref: Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Road/ 37858/2018.

Sir,


In response to the EDS raised in the 71st meeting of REC committee held on 09.10.2024 on the subject cited above the point wise compliance/reply to queries are as under:-

Sr. No	Observation raised	Reply of User Agency
1	As per Site inspection report uploaded by the DFO, Karsog and Suket in part II, violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan Adhiniyam, 1980 has been reported but the same is neither substantiated in the report, nor shown at SN 11: Details of violation(s) of part II. Therefore, the State Government is required to clarify regarding this ambiguity and clarify the issue of violation and if there is violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan Adhiniyam, 1980, this is required to be indicated at SN-11 of part -II along with other action taken by the State Government.	It is submitted that the road had been constructed prior the year 1980, for which PWD has submitted the affidavits of the local inhabitants/senior citizens along, duly signed by concerned magistrate to corroborate and affirm the same that this road exists for more than four decades back. The said affidavits has been uploaded against additional information detail in online Part-I at sr. no. 16 by PWD
2.	As per record, on 02.12.2011, an area of 3.024 ha, on 09.07.2013, an area of 4.868 ha, and on 16.04.2018, an area of 2.717 ha was already diverted. Thus, a total of 10.609 ha of area has already been diverted for the construction of this road, but there is no mention of these diversions in the part-I in PARIVESH portal. Therefore, the details of proposal seeking prior approval submitted in the past needs to be updated at B-1 of part -I in PARIVESH portal.	The detail of proposal seeking prior approval submitted in the past has could not be updated at B-1 of Part-I in PARIVESH portal. However, the copies of the approval has been uploaded against additional information detail in online Part-I and hard copy of the same is attached as Annexure B-I , B-II , & B-III with this reply.

3.	As per the PARIVESH portal, 39 Muck Dumping sites within the forests (3.20 hacs) and near the river Sutlej are proposed. However, there is no detailed muck disposal plan (only a sketchy plan-no drawings, no site details, and no information on how 5,62,695.70 cu mts of unusable muck will be stored). Therefore, fresh muck disposal plans (MMP) with all these details is required to be submitted, duly authenticated by DFO concerned.	Muck disposal plan with drawing and site detail has been uploaded against additional information detail in online parti-I MMP-Annexure A-I Drawing Annexure A-II
4.	As per letter dated 6.9.2023 from PCCF, Wildlife/CWLW, uploaded at SN-8 of the additional information details of part II, the aerial distance of proposed diversion site from the Eco Sensitive Zone of Majathal Wildlife Sanctuary is 0.26 Km and the aerial distance from the proposed Eco Sensitive Zone of Bandli Wildlife Sanctuary is 0.78 Km. It is not clear, if the ESZ is notified or not in both the cases. The CWLW is required to specify clearly, if these two Eco Sensitive Zone are notified by the Ministry as on date or not. In case, the ESZ is not notified, the proposed diversion site will fall within default 10 km ESZ and the CWLW is required to comment regarding applicability of the Wildlife clearance from the competent authority.	It is submitted that the Eco Sensitive Zone of Majahtal wildlife sanctuary has been notified. The aerial distance of proposed the diversion site from the ESZ of Majathal WLS is 0.260 Km. However, the ESZ of Bandli wildlife sanctuary is still not notified and the matter was discussed in the recent meeting held on 06-11-2024 under the chairmanship of Inspector General of Forests (WL) (copy attached) and proposed draft plan has been agreed upon and same will be notified shortly. The aerial distance from boundary of proposed ESZ of Bandli WLS to the proposed diversion site is 0.780 Km

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