JOINT INSPECTION REPORT

Name of Work: Diversion of 0.4122 hectare of Forest Land for the construction of Sewerage Treatment Plant 3.10 MLD at Ashwani Khad within the Jurisdiction of Shimla Forest Division.

Joint Inspection of proposed construction of Sewerage Treatment Plant 3.10 MLD at Ashwani Khad in Tehsil Shimla (Rural) District Shimla comprising forest land, up mohal Majhar in the state of Himachal Pradesh, was done on 15-07-2021 in the presence of undersigned officers. In this Joint Inspection, it has been ensured that least forest area and lesser number of trees are involved. Total forest area involved in this project is 0.4122 Hectare. It has also been ensured that there is least adverse impact on the environment. The main purpose for the construction of sewerage treatment plant to providing Sewerage System to Mehli, Pujarli and partially Malyana (Ward No. 25) in Tehsil Shimla (Rural) District Shimla.

The Statement showing the details of forest area proposed for diversion.

Sr. No.	District	Division	Range/Tehsil/ Village	Khasra/ Survey or Compartment Number of Km. Stone	Forest Area proposed for Diversion (Ha.)	Legal status of Forest Area	Remarks
1	Shimla	Shimla (Rural)	Up Mohal Majhar	68/1	0-41-22	Charagah	C/o STP Structure
Total					0-41-22		

During this joint inspection Two alternative sites have been examined which are as below.

Alternative- 1 (Proposed Area)

Under this Alternative, the proposed Land for construction of Sewerage Treatment Plant 3.10 MLD at Ashwani Khad for the diversion of 0.4122 Hectare Forest Land (Under FCA 1980) for Non-Forestry Purpose. In this scheme 2 Nos. Chil Trees are involved and required to be removed.

Alternative- 2

Under this Alternative, the proposed land for construction of Sewerage Treatment Plant 3.10 MLD at Ashwani Khad for the diversion of 0.5742 Hectare Forest Land (Under FCA 1980) for Non-Forestry Purpose. In this scheme 72 Nos. Chil Trees are involved and required to be removed.

Since the involvement of the forest land and trees as on the lesser side in Alternative-1, so the Alternative -1 has been recommended.

On Inspection of the site, it is found that

- 1. For the construction of the proposed scheme, total area of forest land will be 0.4122 Hectare.
- 2. The proposed land is minimum or unavoidable for the construction of said scheme.
- 3. In the above area, there is no species of vegetation which is prone to extinction.
- 4. There is no rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area.
- 5. In this above said scheme 2 Nos. Chil Trees are involved.
- 6. The user agency has not violated the provision of Forest Conservation Act, 1980
- Therefore the proposed area is declared compulsory and inaccessible or there will be no change in this. Even saying that this matter is related to national and public interest, Recommendation for approval under Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

8. The user agency shall be responsible & bear all the expenditure to restore all kind of damages (Property) to HPSEBL, I&PH Deptt. and Forest Department, which will be damaged/occurred during execution of the said scheme.

Therefore the said proposed and inspected area is found technically most suitable area meeting all the criteria of Forest Department as well as User Agency.

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