

Office of the Principal,
Govt. Degree College Chopal, Tehsil Chopal, District Shimla (HP)

Dated Chopal - 171 211 the, 18th January'2023.

To

Divisional Forest Officer
Forest Officer Chopal

Subject: Diversion of 0.9498 ha of forest land in favor of HP Education Department for the construction of Govt. Degree College, Chopal, Distt. Shimla, H.P. within the jurisdiction of Chopal Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.(Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Road/38375/2019).

Sir,

This is with reference to the EDS raised by your good office and reply for the same is as under:-

SR.NO.	Observation	Reply
1.	The extent proposal is a non-site specific project. Alternatives sites examined/explored merely rejected/accepted based on the number of trees, rather than Forest land/Non-forest (Private land). As per compliance of 1952 Notification. Therefore, State may clarify on the following	The land holding in Himachal Pradesh is very less and land acquisition is not possible. The people of Himachal Pradesh are having very less land for their livelihood. Moreover, in Chopal Town the land under the ownership of Private people as private land is very less and only source of their livelihood .Most of the land is forest land. The patch of land identified for the proposed project is most suitable and the only feasibility to execute the project in public interest is this land that cannot be escaped.
	i) The status of proposed DA land along with the documentary proof may be provided, whether it is a Govt. wasteland declared as PF under HP Govt. Notification 1952 "ör" notified as UPF/DPF under IFA, 1927 and is in possession of HP Forest Department.	The proposed land as per the Jamabandi is under the ownership of Government of Himachal Pradesh. The said Notification is that of Government of India and be provided by your good office.
	ii) State Govt. may clarify whether wasteland declared as UPF/DPF under 1952 notification is available in Chopal area or not. If yes, then such wasteland can be explored for the extant project.	There is no such land available in or around NAC Chopal and therefore, there is no chance to change the proposed site.
	iii) All the alternatives sites explored are required to be markèd in KML file also.	Revised KML file has been uploaded on the MoEF Portal

2.	State Govt. may review the proposal in view of Guidelines for building projects to ensure sustainable environmental management in pursuance of notification No. S.O. 3252 (E) of 22.12.2014 under EIA Notification 2006.	The proposed project is an Educational Institution for which EIA is not applicable.
3.	It is mentioned that the approach road component is not required for college, however this component is mentioned in the Part-I, Para-B-2.4. State Govt. may reviewed and rectified the same.	The mentioned component is that of approach access and not the approach road for which NOC from PWD has been obtained and uploaded on the portal. Therefore, there is no need of approach road . Rectification in component Para B-2.4 has been done.
4.	Revised list of Tree Enumeration has been uploaded on the PARIVESH Portal however, the same information has not been updated in Part-II, Para-4(iii), same may be reviewed and rectified.	Pertains to DFO Office.
5.	Title of the proposal need to be mentioned in all the documents submitted/uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.	Needful has been done.
6.	In the layout plan, space has been designated for science block expansion in future. Therefore, State Govt. may clarify whether this expansion is included in the present proposal or not.	The expansion is not planned and thus has not been included in the existing proposal.
7	Since the component has been revised, a legible copy of the general layout plan duly authenticated by DFO concerned needs to be uploaded on the PARIVESH Portal.	Revised layout plan has been attached and uploaded on the portal.
8.	FRA certificate has been submitted. However, same has not been uploaded on the PARIVESH portal. Therefore, State Govt. may upload the same on the designated column of Part-I	Complete FRA with all the proceedings has been uploaded on the Portal.
9.	Initially Tatima was submitted in which road component was marked. Now, the revised Tatima has been submitted without any road component with revision in the dimension of the proposed site. Therefore, comment on the revised submission of Tatima with changed dimension of the proposal site may be provided.	As per letter of Regional Office vide letter No. FC/HPB/09/68/2021 dated 14.10.2022, Observation No.-09, the revised Tatima as per site conditions has been obtained and attached. Also, approach access has now been changed and taken through existing PWD road, for which NOC of HPPWD has been attached. As per revised Tatima the no. of trees has been minimized at site.
10.	Details of beneficiary villages with village code , population status is required to be uploaded on the PAIVESH portal.	Has been uploaded and necessary rectification has been made.

11.	Clarification/Justification regarding the CA area may be provided:-	Pertains to DFO Office
	i) In reference to observation no.-9 the polygon given in KML file for CA area is not matching with polygon mention in TOPO Sheet/Digital Map. Also, as per the KML file the area for plantation seems to be on barren rock. Therefore, State Govt. may review and revise the CA site, if required.	Pertains to DFO Office
	ii) Comprehensive CA scheme with 10 years maintenance is required to be submitted as per Para 2.8 (ii), of FCA guidelines.	Pertains to DFO Office
	iii) The status of proposed CA land is mentioned as UPF Thana and recorded as "Charagah Blla Darkhtan" in the revenue record. However, it is not clarified that, whether it is under the possession of Forest Department or not.	Pertains to DFO Office
	iv) As per DSS Analysis, the proposed area for CA is 1.80 ha. but calculated area is 3.80 ha. Therefore, State Govt. may clarify the difference between calculated and proposed area.	Pertains to DFO Office
12.	In Para-II, column-14, District profile, geo – graphical area of district is not correct. Same may be reviewed and rectified.	Pertains to DFO
13.	The Title of the project is missing in recommendation letter mentioned in Part-II, para-16/17 (Part-IV/V). Same may be reviewed and rectified.	Pertains to DFO Office
14.	The State Govt. may ensure to be uploaded the EDS compliance related annexure on the PARIVESH portal. Examination and processing of the proposal will be carried out only after the detail compliance report is uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.	All checklists with reply letter has been uploaded in combined PDF on the portal

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