

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPTT

No: PWD-WA-Forest Case/2022-23- 1/048

Dated: 15/01/2024

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Dalhousie Forest Division
Dalhousie

Subject: Diversion of 4.6092 hectare of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the Construction of Link Road from DhuraSapar to Purkhara (Portion Kutpalyana to Purkhara Km 4/040 to 11/540) within the jurisdiction of Dalhousie Forest Division Distt Chamba HP

Reference: IRO Office letter dated 18-10-2022

With reference to the letter referred above, it is intimated that the following observations regarding subject cited case within jurisdiction of Dalhousie forest division Distt Chamba HP are attended as under:

Point 1: In reply to this observation, it is submitted that the Engineer- in-Chief who is the competent authority has authorized all the Executive Engineers of HPPWD Divisions in all over the state for making applications on behalf of user agency for seeking the necessary approvals on PARIVESH portal. The authorization letter is enclosed herewith and also uploaded in Part – I (A-3).

Point 2: In reply to this observation, it is submitted that requirement of permission from Hon'ble Supreme Court for diversion in Protection working circle revoked by order dated 8-02-2023.

Point 3: In reply to this observation, it is submitted that correct KML of the already approved case has been superimposed on the proposed alignment in distinct colours and also uploaded on appropriate column on PARIVESH Portal Part-I.

Point 4 (i) to (iv): In reply to this observation, it is submitted that no Violation has been done by HPPWD therefore no action has been initiated against anyone.

Point 5: In reply to this observation, it is intimated that **administrative approval** from competent authority is enclosed herewith and also uploaded as additional information in Part-I.

Point 6: In reply to this observation, it is submitted that fresh **KML** showing forest land, non- forest land and dumping sites in distinct colours in polygon shape for the proposed alignment is enclosed herewith and also uploaded online on PARIVESH portal.

Point 7: **Layout plan** showing forest land, non- forest land and dumping sites in distinct colours is enclosed herewith and also uploaded as additional information in PART- I. Also, **Cross section** showing the width of road, width of shoulder etc is enclosed herewith and also uploaded as additional information in Part-I.

Point 8: **Gift deeds** of private land owners are enclosed herewith and also uploaded as additional information in Part-I.

Point 9: Certified that during the execution period of the proposed road i.e. Construction of link road from Dhurasapar to Purkhara Km 4/040 to 11/540 retaining structures such as retaining walls and breast walls in Concrete as well as in wire crates (gabion walls) will be constructed in the areas where land slide/ soil erosion is likely to occur. Also, Longitudinal drains and cross water drains (Hume pipe culverts, slab culverts and solid causeways) will be constructed for proper channelization of rain water which will reduce chances of soil erosion. And after the construction period labour and machinery will be deployed for maintenance of longitudinal drains and well as Cross drainage structures. **Certificate in this regard & undertaking for soil and moisture conservation plan** is uploaded as additional information in Part I and hard copy is enclosed herewith.

Point 10: In reply to this observation, it is submitted that in Rural roads as per IRC 48 (hill road manual) in straight portion road way width is required 5.20mtrs (3.00 mtrs c/way, 1.00 meters shoulders on both sides, 0.60 meters for parapets and 0.60 meters for hillside drain) in straight portions and up to 7.00 meters in curves after providing extra widening. Copy of hill road cross section showing in figure 6.1 of IRC: SP:48 and width specifications as per table 6.5 of **IRC: SP: 48**. Copy of the same is enclosed herewith and also uploaded as additional information in Part- I.

Point 11: In reply to this observation, it is submitted that no other non-forest land is available for muck dumping purpose as local people of the area have very less agricultural lands. So, the dumping sites are necessarily required to be proposed in forest lands. Also, it is added that in both the dumping sites no trees are present

Point 12: **Muck management plan** along with the **reclamation plan** duly authenticated by DFO concerned is enclosed herewith and also uploaded as additional information in Part- I.

Point 13: Revised **KML** showing correct diversion area i.e. 4.6092 hectare has now been uploaded online on Parivesh Portal in appropriate column.

Point 14: In reply to this observation, it is intimated that the road will pass through the small streams/ Nallahs which will not require construction of major bridges. At these locations small Hume pipe culverts/ Slab culverts/ Solid Causeways will be provided. **Undertaking** in this regard is enclosed herewith and also enclosed as additional information in Part- I.


Point 15: In reply to this observation, it is submitted that total 349 trees and 67 No of saplings are also required to be felled. There fore the sum of trees and saplings will be 416 (349+67). **Enumeration list** is enclosed herewith and also uploaded as additional information in Part- I.

Point 16 (i) Correct CA map is enclosed herewith and also uploaded in appropriate column in Part-I.

Point 16 (ii) Pertains to DFO Office Dalhousie.

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Point 17: Pertains to DFO Office Dalhousie


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