No. 103 937 Dated 6-9-2022

The Divisional Forest Officer,(FCA)

H.P. Forest Department, Taland. Shimla -HP.

Subject:-

Diversion of 0.2099 ha.of forest land in favour of Himachal Pradesh Police Department for the establishment of Police Post at Jutog, within the jurisdiction of Shimla Forest Division District. Shimla Himachal Pradesh. (Online No. FP/HP/Others/33179/2018).

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter endst. No. 4411 dated 17-08-2022, on the subject cited above. In this regard, it is submitted that point

Sr. Project Detail		
No	Project Detail	Compliance to the Deficiencies
2.	As per the State Govt. forwarding letter dated 18.07.22. It has mentioned that the user agency has given an undertaking that during the execution of the project all strategies will be adopted for the ecological restoration of adjoining forestland areas and will construct retaining/boundary wall at his own level, but no document has been submitted in this regard. Therefore, State Govt may review the proposal in the pursuance of the MOEF & CC letter dated 7.6.2022 and may submit the soil and moisture conservation Plan (SMCP) along-with detail cost of its implementation.	
3.	The Submitted CA scheme has been found lesser side in comparison to the previously submitted CA scheme. Therefore, State Govt may review the CA scheme and submit the plantation scheme for 420 plants by way of CA.	
	State Govt. may provide the NOC issued by the competent authority of NHAI in favour of UA for direct access/approach route to the proposed project site.	NOC issued by the NHAI has been uploaded as additional document in online portal guidelines/condition issued by the authority followed by Police department during the construction of Police Post building.
4.	In reply to the observation No. 7 State Govt. has submitted that the proposal was submitted by the user agency and the forest department has not committed on its part. Therefore, State Govt. may provide the comment/clarification/documents on the following.	Point wise reply are as under:
i.	That there is no change in the proposal in terms of scopes, purpose and other important aspects.	There is no change in the proposal.
ii.	The complete justification regarding delay in submission of the desired reply.	That due to COVID-19 pandemic situation this office remained closed and maximum Police Officials were deployed in COVID-19 duties.
Iii	The extant project is non-site-specific category and as per the latest guideline issued by the MOEF & CC vide letter dated 24.1.2022. It is mentioned that the non-site specific activities can- not be considered on forest land as a rule. For that matter, no non-site specific proposal can be entertained for considering approval under the FCA 1980. Therefore, State Govt. may scrutinize the alternatives in more details and may give complete justification establishing its inescapability for locating the project in forest area.	As such, no non-forest land is available in city area of Distt. HQ as all Government land over which Govt. has proprietary rights, has been classified as forest land vide notification No. Ft(a)-1/52 dated 15 th January 1952 issued by the Secretary to Chier Commissioner of the eswhile Chief Commissioner' province.

Yours faithfully

Superintendent of Police, Shimla, District Shimla-HP

