

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Parvati Forest Division, Distt. Kullu.

Sub:- Diversion of 0.1982 Ha. of forest land in favour of Development Officer Kullu, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department for the construction of Solid Waste Management Plant at Kasol within the jurisdiction of Parvati Forest Division, Distt. Kullu Himachal Pradesh.

Sir,

This is with reference to the EDS raised by IRO, MoEF7CC, Chandigarh vide letter No. FC/HPB/14/2023 dated Aug.-2023 on the subject cited above. In this context this is to inform you that the EDS raised by the forest department has been attended and para wise reply for the same is as under:-

Sr. No.	Observation	Reply
1.	The extant proposal is a non-site specific project. As per Para 1.15 of FCA guidelines and as well as recent directions from MoEF&CC letter dated 24.01.2022 has categorically instructed that non-site specific activities cannot be considered on forest land as a rule. Therefore, the State Government may explore non-forest land for this project.	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 Kasol village as well as in District Kullu private land is very less under the owner ship of private people & most of the land is forest land. The patch of land identified for the proposed project is most suitable and feasible and cannot be escaped. Justification for the same has been uploaded on the portal against additional information in Part-I on the Portal.
2.	Since this is non-site specific project, the State Government may explore the alternatives in more details and must give complete justification establishing its inescapability for locating the project in forest area.	The land holding in Kasol village as well as in District Kullu is very less. Also, Private land is very less under the owner ship of private people & most of the land is forest land. Further, Solid Waste Management Plant should be away from Habitation and agricultural land, so that there should not be any chances of hazard. The patch of land identified for the proposed project is most suitable and feasible and cannot be escaped. Justification for alternatives examined has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail in Part-I on the Portal.
3.	Project approval letter from the competent authority is required to be uploaded in Part-I	Project approval from the competent authority has been uploaded on the portal against additional information

		detail in Part-I.
4.	Consent to Establish (CTE) from HPSPCB is required to be uploaded in Part-I in additional documents	The process of obtaining consent to establish from HPSPCB is under process and will be provided before Stage-II approval. Undertaking for the same has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail part-1.
5.	The length and width of access approach to STP shall be uploaded in Part-I.	Length & Width certificate of access path has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail in Part-I on the Portal.
6.	All alternatives shall be marked in KML file. Area of forest land and trees involved in the each alternate including proposed alignment shall be mentioned in tabular form.	Revised KML file with detail of alternative examined has been uploaded on the portal against Column No. D(a)(i).where as table mentioning the area of forest land and tree involved in each alternate has been uploaded against additional information detail Part-1
7.	As per DSS, the proposed diversion area is falling within Moderately Dense Forest (MDF). Therefore, NPV bill is required to be revised to MDF from open forest. The revised NPV bill shall be uploaded in Part-II	Pertains to DFO Office
8.	i) As per the document provided by DFO regarding distance of the proposed DA is at a distance of 1 Km from Kanawar WLS. Whereas, in reply of Nodal (FCA) the distance mentioned is 250 m from Kanawar WLS. Therefore, State Govt. may clarify the variation of distance.	Pertains to DFO Office
	ii) Further from DSS of DA, it has been observed that the diversion area is falling entirely within the Kanawar WLS. Therefore, as per Para 12.3 of FCA guidelines, prior recommendations of the Standing Committee of NBWL for aforesaid project is required before further processing of the proposal.	Pertains to DFO Office
9.	Legal status of the proposed diversion area may be clarified clearly mentioning whether it is forest under IFA, 1927 or it is waste land declared as protected forest under 1952 Notification of Himachal Pradesh Government. The documentary proof verifying the	Pertains to DFO Office

	same shall be uploaded in Part-I.	
10.	As per DSS the proposed CA area is entirely within MDF. Therefore, the State Government may revised the CA site with vegetation density less than 40 percent and accordingly the related document of CA site in Part-II Par 13 are also required to be revised.	Pertains to DFO Office


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