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OFFICE OF DISTRICT TOURISM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, KULLU, DISTT KULLU, (H.P)

To

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

Sub.:-

Dated: 19 November, 2022.

Diversion of 0.3644 hac. of Forest land in favour of Tourism Department of HP, for the construction of the Way Side Authorities (WSA) near Atal Tunnel, within the jurisdiction of Kullu Forest Division, Distt.Kullu Himachal Pradesh (online No. FP/HP/OTHERS/68104/2020).

Sir,

This is with reference to your office letter No.4012 dated 09/09/2022 and GoI, MoEF letter No. 8B/HP/09/32/2021/FC/28 dated 19-08-2021 on the subject cited above. In this context, this to inform you that as per the EDS raised by your good office the observations has been attended as given below:-

Sr. No.	Observations	Reply
1.	Point No.-1	It is submitted that this project has been planned to facilitate the tourists visiting the Atal Tunnel Rohtang. It is further brought to your notice that there is no open space /area available for sitting tourists either at South or North Portal of the tunnel. Also, the volume for the tourists is increasing every year and therefore, this wayside amenity being proposed has been planned in a way so that tourists can spend some time near tunnel and have open space to enjoy the view and in case of crowding at tunnel, have some area available for waiting for their turn. Hence, the land available in the premises is proposed to be landscaped with ornamental and herbal plants to make the place attractive for sitting of the tourists. This area to be landscaped has been denoted as 'Herbal Garden' by the architect whereas it is proposed only as open green space for tourists to be used as sitting-cum- waiting area and may kindly be allowed in public interest.
3.	Point No.-3	As far as the felling of trees is concerned, it is submitted that a joint inspection has been conducted on 01/11/2022 by officials of Forest & HPTDC (copy enclosed). After inspection by the officials as per the proposed plan, it was found out that a total number of 18 trees are present at the site as per the architectural plan. However, there is no need of felling of the trees as per proposed plan which was verified on site by the visiting officials. Hence, it is clarified once again that no tree is proposed to be cut as per architectural plan which has been verified during the joint inspection as well. The revised layout plan with trees marked as per actual site has been attached for ready reference please.

Submitted for favour of consideration and necessary action please.

Yours faithfully,


Sunayana Sharma, HPAS,
Distt. Tourism Development Officer,
Kullu, Distt. Kullu HP.

Dated: 19/11/22

Encl. As Above.

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Copy forwarded to the Director Tourism & Civil Aviation HP Shimla- 9 for information please.


Distt. Tourism Development Officer,
Kullu Distt. Kullu HP.

