The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Rohru.

Sub:- Diversion of 0.9877 ha. forest land in favour of Agriculture Produce Market Committee Shimla & Kinnaur Dhalli, Shimla, for the construction of Sabzi Mandi at Mehandli within the jurisdiction of Rohru Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. (Online No. FP/HP/Others/24725/2017).

Sir,

This is with reference to the EDS raised by your good office on the subject cited above. In this context the EDS raised by your office has been attended as below:-

Sr.	Observation	Reply
no		
1.	"Since the extant proposal is a non-site specific project, as per Para 1.10 of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, MoEF&CC "Utilization of forest area for establishing industries, construction of residential colonies, institutes, rehabilitation of displaced persons, etc. are non-site-specific activities and cannot be considered on forest land as a rule. For that matter, no non-site specific proposal can be entertained for considering approval under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980". Therefore, State Govt. may explore the Non-forest land for the proposed diversion area".	As the Sabji Mandi is located below the National Highway and approach road is essentially required for the transportation of HTV and LTV during apple season and throughout the year for various agriculture and horticulture produce. Non-Forest land is not available for the construction of approach road to the proposed Sabji Mandi at Mehndli, Tehsil Rohru Distt. Shimla. Detailed justification for the same is attached and uploaded on the portal against additional information detail in online Part-I.

Secretary APMC, Shimla & Kinnaur Dhalli, Shimla, H.P.