

Sub: C/o Mini Secretariat at Jhandutta, Distt. Bilaspur, H.P.
 Proposal No.: FP/HP/Others/43501/2019

Justification regarding Site Specific project

The Mini Secretariat is a local unit of administrative division in India. The Mini Secretariat plays a pivotal role at Sub-Division Administration. The construction of Mini Secretariat at Jhandutta, Distt. Bilaspur will provide a single platform to various Department to work together under one roof to provide better and easier facilities to the local population w.r.t, their work. The population of Jhandutta Division is facing many problems regarding their works as the offices are located at different locations due to which more time is consumed in preparing a single certificate/document, sometimes it take more than one day. The construction of Mini Secretariat Jhandutta will facilitate around 89190 Nos. of people and 277 Nos. of village under Sub-Division Jhandutta.

Further, it is stated that land holdings in Himachal Pradesh is very less and land acquisition is not possible. The private land under the ownership of local people/local communities is very less and they are dependent for their livelihood on these small private land holdings and local people are not willing to provide their private land for this project and there is no other Pvt. /Non-forest land available in & around the Jhandutta area.

Moreover, the Tehsil Jhandutta is already constructed near the proposed Mini Secretariat Jhandutta Khasra no. 1900 and it cannot be considered on any other site away from the existing Tehsil. If the site proposes any other location then more area will have to be required for connectivity of Mini Secretariat and Tehsil building.

The Detail of alternative examined is as under:-

Sr. No.	Detail of Alternate	Area in Ha.	Trees	Reason for Selection/Rejection
1.	Alternate-I	2.8736	334	<p>Selected as most feasible and suitable site as per requirement of the project. The site selection has been done carefully to minimize the impact on the forest ecosystem. The project's location in Jhandutta ensures that the number of trees to be felled is minimal, reducing the environmental impact.</p> <p>Minimal tree felling, reducing the impact on the forest ecosystem.</p> <p>The project's location in Jhandutta ensures that the environmental impact is minimal.</p> <p>The site is near existing Tehsil building and no approach road is required for the said project. If the site proposes any other location then more area will have to be required for</p>

				connectivity of Mini Secretariat and Tehsil building.
2.	Alternate-II	3.9542	738	<p>Rejected:The rejection of the alternate-II site of Mini Secretariat Jhandutta, Himachal Pradesh, is due to valid environmental concerns. It is crucial to prioritize environmental sustainability and explore alternative sites that minimize harm to the ecosystem.</p> <p>1. Sloping Terrain and Soil Erosion: The site's sloping terrain makes it prone to landslides and soil erosion, posing a significant threat to the structure's stability and safety.</p> <p>2. Environmental Impact: The large number of trees coming in the alignment would be affected, leading to environmental degradation and loss of biodiversity.</p> <p>Considering the environmental concerns, site is rejected.</p>
3.	Alternate-III	4.0444	967	<p>Rejected: As the site is sloppy and chances of soil erosion during monsoon season. More area and more number of trees are coming in the alignment.</p> <p>1. Sloping Terrain: The site's sloping terrain makes it prone to landslides and soil erosion, posing a significant threat to the structure's stability and safety.</p> <p>2. Soil Erosion: The risk of soil erosion is high due to the site's topography, which could lead to environmental degradation and loss of fertile land.</p> <p>3. Environmental Concerns: The project's location in a sensitive ecosystem raises concerns about the potential impact on local biodiversity and ecosystems.</p> <p>Given the project's location on a sloping terrain with high erosion risk, it is likely that the alternate-III was rejected to prevent potential environmental harm and degradation of the forest ecosystem.</p>

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