

## MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SHIMLA

No: MCS/PD/Ropeway/2018-1473

Dated: 04.12.2018

From

Commissioner office,  
Municipal Corporation, Shimla.

To

Divisional Forest Officer,  
Shimla Urban Forest Divisional,  
Shimla-2

**Subject:** Diversion of 3.6593 ha of forest land in favour of Municipal Corporation Shimla for the construction of Shimla Passenger Ropeway Project, within the jurisdiction of Shimla (U) Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, H.P (online no. FP/HP others/32176/2018).

**Reference:-** Your officer endorsement letter no. (FCA).2484-85 dated 22-11-2018

Sir

In reference to your officer letter as referred in reference, the observation raised which pertains to this office has been attended and point wise reply is as under:-

Sr.No	Observation	Reply
1	In the proposal the felling of 1361 tress are proposed to be felled as provided in online Part-II while as per the enumeration details provided in the proposal the number of tress to be felled is 1364 which need to be reviewed by the State Govt. and corrected in online Part-II.	As per the proposal the felling trees are 530 and non-cutting trees are 831, 1361 is the total of both cutting & non-Cutting trees. The separate enumeration list is already stands submitted.
2	In the enumeration list there are three types of land area shown viz. forest, non-forest and CPWD land but in Part-II at para 2 legal status is shown. Therefore, it is not clear wheather the area of clarify the status of this CPWD land is included in diversion or it falis in non forest land category. The state Govt. may department for other purposes, then process the case with all necessary documents accordingly.	In the enumeration list there are three types of land area forest, non-forest and CPWD land. The CPWD land is a non-forest land area. So CPWD land has not included in diversion of forest land. The trees coming in Non Forest land will be processed under the Provisions of TAC (Trees Authority Committee) by the User Agency.
3	In the proposal, it is found that 04 encroachments are settled by Sub	This observation pertains to your good office please.

	District magistrate but the detail regarding what action have been taken to regularize/settle the encroachments are not provided in the proposal.	
4	The State Govt. have proposed 18 ha area in compliance of Hon'ble FGT order dated 31-08-2017 but the DSS analysis still shows that out of this 18 ha. 14 ha is not suitable for plantation activity for which no justification is provided, nor they have changed the proposed site. Further, as per the order 30 trees need to be planted at the place where they are to fell a tree which comes to $1361 \times 30 = 40.830$ trees. Whereas 18 ha can accommodate only 19800 trees @ 1100 trees ha. Which need to be clarified by the State Govt.	As per the NGT order dated 31-08-2017, 30 trees need to be planted at the place where they are to fell <del>a tree</del> . So trees to be planted are $530 \times 30 = 15,900$ trees, requires 14.50 ha. of land. (@1100 trees per ha.)

Yours Faithfully,

  
EE-Cum Project Director  
Municipal Corporation Shimla.

Copy to:

Nodal officer-Cum-Addl.Pr.CCF(FCA) O/o Pr. CCF.HP Shimla w.r.f. to his endorsement letter No. Ft.48-3468/2016(FCA) dated 16-11-2018 for information & urther necessary action please.

  
EE-Cum Project Director,  
Municipal Corporation Shimla.