

No. FCA/ *62/CF*
H.P Forest Department.

Dated Chopal, the *08-02-2023*

From: - DFO Chopal.

To: - CCF (T) Shimla.

Subject: - Diversion of 0.9498 ha of forest land in favour of HP Education Department for construction of Govt. Degree College, Chopal, Distt. Shimla HP, within the Jurisdiction of Chopal Forest Division, District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

Sir,

Kindly refer to Nodal Officer-cum APCCF (FCA) O/o Pr. CCF, HP, Shimla office letter No. FC/HPB/09/68/2021 dated 14.10.2022 endst to this office as well as to you and others on the subject cited above.

In this context it is submitted that the shortcomings pertains to this Division are attended as directed vide the above referred letter. The point wise reply is detailed as under:-

Sr.	Observations.	Reply.
1.	The extant proposal is a non-site specific project. Alternative sites examined/explored are merely rejected/accepted based on the numbers of trees, rather than Forest land/Non-Forest (Private land). As per compliance submitted by State Govt. all the Govt. land in Himachal Pradesh is UPF/DPF under IFA, 1927 and is in possession of H.P Forest Department or not.	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 Chopal Town the land under the ownership of Private people as private land is very less and only source of their livelihood. Most of the land is forest land. The patch of land identified for the proposed project is most suitable and the only feasibility to execute the project in public interest is this land that cannot be escaped by the user agency.
(i)	The status of proposed DA land along with the documentary proof may be provided, whether it is a Govt. Wasteland declared as PF under HP Govt. notification, 1952 "or" notified as UPF/DPF under IFA, 1927 and is in possession of H.P Forest Department or not.	Attached herewith.
(ii)	State Govt. may clarify whether Wasteland declared as UPF/DPF under 1952 notification is available in Chopal area or not. If yes, then such wasteland can be explored for the extant project.	Attached herewith.
(iii)	All the alternative sites explored are required to be marked in KML file also.	Revised KML file has been uploaded on the MoEF portal by the user agency.
2	State Govt. may review the proposal in view of Guidelines for building projects to ensure sustainable Environmental Management in	The proposed project is an Educational institution for which EIA is not applicable by the user agency.

	pursuance of Notification No. S.O.3252(E) of 22.12.2014 under EIA Notification, 2006.	
3.	It is mentioned that the approach road component is not required for college, however this component is mention in the Part-I para B-2.4. Stare Govt. may reviewed and rectified the same.	The mentioned component is that of approach access and not the approach road for which NOC from PWD has been obtained and uploaded on the portal. Therefore, there is no need of approach road. Rectification in component Para B-2.4 has been done by the user agency.
4.	Revised list of tree enumeration has been uploaded on the PARIVESH portal however the same information has not updated in Part-II, para 4 (iii). Same may be review and rectify.	The revised list of trees has been uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.
5.	Title of the Proposal needs to be mentioned in all the documents submitted/uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.	Needful has been bone by the user agency.
6.	In the layout plan, space has been designated for science block expansion in future. Therefore, State Govt. may clarify whether this expansion is included in the present proposal or not.	The expansion is not planned and thus has not been included in the existing proposal by the user agency.
7.	Since the component has been revised, a legible copy of the general layout plan duly authenticated by DFO concerned needs to be uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.	Revised layout plan has been attached and uploaded on the portal by the user agency.
8.	FRA certificate has been submitted, however same has not been uploaded on the PARIVESH portal. Therefore, State Govt. may uploaded the same on the designated column of Part-I.	Complete FRA with all the proceeding has been uploaded on the Portal by the user agency.
9.	Initially Tatima was submitted in road component was marked. Now, the revised Tatima has been submitted without any road component with revision in the dimensions of the proposed site. Therefore, comment on the revised submission of Tatima with changed dimension of the proposal site may be provided.	As per letter of Regional Office vide letter No. FC/HPB/09/68/2021 dated 14.10.2022, observation No.09 the revised Tatima as per site conditions has been obtained and attached. Also, approach access has now been changed and taken through existing PWD road, for which NOC of HPPWD has been attached. As per revised Tatima the no. trees has been minimized at site by the user agency.
10.	Details of beneficiary village with village code, population status is required to be uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.	Has been uploaded and necessary rectification has been made by the user agency.
11.	Clarification/justification regarding the CA area be provided:-	
(i)	In reference to observation no-9, the polygon given in KML file for CA is not matching with the polygon mentioned in Toposheet/Digital Map. Also, as per the KML file the area for planation seems to be on barren rock. Therefore, State Govt. may review and revise the CA site, if required.	Needful has been bone by the DCF.
(ii)	Comprehensive CA scheme with 10 year maintenance is required to be submitted as per Para-2.8 (ii), of FCA guidelines.	The comprehensive CA Scheme has been prepaid as per para-2.8(ii) of FCA Guidelines.
(iii)	The Status of proposed CA is mentioned as UPF	Attached.

	Thana and recorded as Charagah Bila Darkhtan'' in the revenue record. However, it is not clarified that, whether it is under the possession of Forest Department or not.	
(iv)	As per DSS analysis, the proposed area for CA is 1.80 ha but the calculated area is 3.80 ha. Therefore, State Govt. may clarify the difference between calculated and proposed area.	As per observation No. 11 raised by Nodal Officer vide letter No. the state Govt. Was asked to provide CA scheme for Plantation of 1900 trees. Hence, keeping in view the norm of 500 trees per ha, the land required for plantation of 1900 trees is calculated to be 3.8 ha.
12.	In Para-II, column-14, District profile, geographical area of district is not correct. Same may be reviewed and rectify.	Needful has been bone by the DCF.
13.	Title of the project is missing in recommendation letter mentioned in Part-II, para -16/17 (Part-IV/V). Same may be revised and rectified.	Needful has been bone by the DCF.
14.	The State Govt. may ensure to upload the EDS compliance related annexure on the PARIVESH portal. Examination and processing of the proposal will be carred out only after the detail compliance report is uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.	EDS compliance related annexure has been uploaded on the MoEF Portal in additional information detail.

This is for favour of kind information and taking further necessary action at your end please.


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