

FULL TITLE OF PROJECT: Additional Forest land requirement of 11.7936 ha. for four laning of proposed Shimla Bypass from Kaithalighat to Shakral Section (Package-I) of NH-22 (Chainage from Km 128.835 to Km.146.300) in already approved FCA case of the entire section from Kaithlighat to Dhalli. Online Proposal No. FP/HP/ROAD/151117/2022.

## **CHECK LIST NO. 16**

## SITE INSPECTION REPORT NOT BELOW THE RANK OF DCF (For the forestland to be diverted under FCA).

A proposal has been received by this office from Project Director NHAI Tehsil & District Shimla HP for the diversion under FCA, 1980 of 11.7936 ha. of forest land for non forestry purpose. The Project envisages the use of forest land for the Additional Forest land requirement of 11.7936 ha. for four laning of proposed Shimla Bypass from Kaithalighat to Shakral Section (Package-I). The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on dated 11.07.2022.

- 1. On Inspection of the site it is found that the land required by the user agency is forest area measuring 11.7936 ha. During the site inspection the dumping site No. 2 at UPF 218 Goro it is observed that the proposed dumping site is spread over an area of 3.1175 ha. (2.5702 ha. forest land & 0.5473 ha. non forest land) and involves felling of 816 No. trees & 914 No. saplings, it is further pointed out that the said site is located at the foothills of the catchment area of 3 small streams (seasonal) which may impact the water ecology of the area. Thus the e scientific reclamation plan may be imposed on the user agency to keep into consideration the water ecology of the area as well as the impact of the same on the down stream areas.
- 2. The requirement of forestland as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part I is unavoidable and barest minimum required for the project.
- 3. No rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna exists in the area.
- 4. No Protected archaeological /Heritage site /Defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
- 5. (a) The user agency has not violated the provision of Forest (Conversion) Act, 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction.
  - (b) It has been found that the user agency has not violated the provisions of the forest (Conservation) Act,1980 Indian Forest Act,1927/ any other forest Act, A detailed report as per para 1.9 of Chapter-I Part-C of Hand Book of Forest (Conservation) Act,.

The proposal is recommended for approval.

Place: Shimla Dated: 23.8.2022

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