

**HIMACHAL PRADESH  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPTT**

No: PWD-WA-Forest Case/2024-25- 16292

Dated:— 13-03-2024

To

The Divisional forest officer  
Dalhousie Forest Division  
Dalhousie

**Subject:**                **Diversion of 3.2808 hectare of forest land in favour of HPPWD for Construction of link road from Saila Mathla to Village Luhani Km 0/00 to 5/205 within the jurisdiction of Dalhousie forest division Distt Chamba HP**

**Reference:**            **Nodal Officer Shimla Office letter dated 22-03.-2024.**

With reference to the letter referred above, it is intimated that the following observations regarding subject cited case within jurisdiction of Dalhousie forest division Distt Chamba HP are attended as under:

**Observation 1:**      Revenue papers has now been uploaded online as additional information in Part-I.

**Observation 2:**      Certified that during the execution period of the proposed road i.e. Construction of link road from Saila Mathla to Luhani retaining structures such as retaining walls and breast walls in Concrete as well as in wire crates (gabion walls) will be constructed in the areas where land slide/ soil erosion is likely to occur. Also, Longitudinal drains and cross water drains (Hume pipe culverts, slab culverts and solid causeways) will be constructed for proper channelization of rain water which will reduce chances of soil erosion. And after the construction period labour and machinery will be deployed for maintenance of longitudinal drains and well as Cross drainage structures. Certificate in this regard & undertaking for soil and moisture conservation plan is uploaded as additional information in Part I and hard copy is enclosed herewith.

**Observation 3:** In reply to this observation it is submitted that no trees are standing in the dumping site. Certificate in this regard is attached herewith and also uploaded as additional information in Part- I.

In reply to the justification of proposing the dumping sites in forest land it is submitted that total forest land required for road construction is 2.9208 hectare however private land required for the same is 0.2022 hectare which is very less as compared to forest land. The local people of the area have very less and agricultural land only. No extra land is available for dumping sites. Therefore, the dumping sites are proposed in forest land only. Certificate in this regard is enclosed herewith and also uploaded as additional information in Part- I.

**Observation 4:** Revised layout plan duly authenticated is attached herewith and also uploaded as additional information in part-I

**Observation 5:** Muck management plan is attached herewith and also uploaded as additional information in Part I

**Observation 6:** In reply to this observation it is submitted that three alignments were explored for construction of the road.

**Alignment I:** In this alignment 2.9208 hectare forest land for diversion is required and 44 No of trees and 46 No of trees saplings were required to be felled.

**Alignment II:** In this alignment 3.4800 hectare forest land for diversion is required and 75 No of trees and 88 No of trees saplings were required to be felled.

**Alignment III:** In this alignment 3.9900 hectare forest land for diversion is required and 90 No of trees and 105 No of trees saplings were required to be felled.

Keeping in view the involvement of lesser area and lesser trees alignment I was selected and finalized. The joint inspection committee was of the view that diversion of 2.9208 hectare of forest land and felling of 44 no trees and 46 number of trees sapling cannot be escaped which is minimum.

Undertaking in this regard is attached herewith and also  
uploaded as additional information in Part- I

  
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