

O/o Block Development Officer,
Development Block Kullu, HP
No. 4317

Dated-

19/03/24

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The Divisional Forest Officer,
Parwati Forest Division,
Shamshi, Kullu, HP.

Subject- Diversion of 0.1982 Ha. Of land in favour of Development Officer Kullu, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj for the construction of Solid Waste Management Plant at Kasol within the jurisdiction of Parwati Forest Division, Distt. Kullu, HP. (online portal No. FP/HP/Others/153006/2022)

Reply of Point No-1:-

In this regard it is intimated that the current proposal of Solid waste Management Plant is actually a **small Material Recovery Facility (MRF)** funded by MOEF & CC GoI under NMHS. It is further submitted that alternative sites were explored, but due to involvement of more forest area, near habitation and involvement of more number of trees in these alternative sites, these alternate sites were rejected by the joint inspection Committee.

Moreover, it is also submitted that in Kasol town & villages around Kasol area, private land holding of people is very less and they are dependent on their small landholding for their livelihood, further there is no other Govt. /non-forest land available in & around the Kasol area. So accordingly the forest land has been identified for the proposed project as it is found most suitable/ feasible because it involve less forest area & no of trees, hence cannot be escaped.


Whereas, it is further submitted that alternative sites were explored, but due to involvement of more forest area, near habitation and involvement of more number of trees in these alternative sites, these alternate sites were rejected. It is further submitted that the Land holding in Himachal Pradesh is very less and people / local communities are dependent on their livelihood on these small private land holdings and people are not willing to provide their private land for this project. Moreover, in Kasol village as well as in District Kullu private land is very less under the owner ship of private people & most of the land is forest land.

Further the people / local communities are dependent on their livelihood on these small private land holdings and local people are not willing to provide their private land for this project. Moreover, it is submitted that Kasol town & villages around Kasol area, private land holding of people is very less and they are dependent on their small landholding for their livelihood, further there is no other Govt./non-forest land available in & around the Kasol area. So accordingly

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the forest land has been identified for the proposed project as it is found most suitable/ feasible because it involve less forest area & less no of trees to be felled, hence cannot be escaped. So it is humbly requested to consider it as special case and necessary approval be granted in public interest for the safety of forest & environment from the ill impact of unscientific disposal of garbage/waste.

Necessary Justification w.r.t inescapability for locating the project in forest area is attached as **Annexure-I** and Justification for locating the project has been uploaded on the portal against the column D of part-I on the Portal.


Block Development Officer,
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