

No. KLG-ITDP-EMRS-2019-II-3430 Dated:- 25-02-2025
Office of the Project Officer, ITDP, Lahaul at Keylong.

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Lahaul Forest Division at Keylong
Distt. Lahaul & Spiti (H.P.)

Subject:

Diversion of 6 ha of forest land in favor of Tribal Development Department Shimla for the Construction of Eklavya Model Residential School Lahaul at Kukumseri Sub Tehsil Udaipur District Lahaul & Spiti (H.P.).-reg

Sir

The point wise reply of observations raised by Nodal Officer - cum Additional Principal Chief Conservator (FCA) O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF) HP wide letter no. Ft. 48-5590/2021 (FCA) on dated 11-02-2025 is as under:-

Sr. No.	Observations	Reply
1.	In response to observation No.1, vague response has been submitted whereas, separate detailed justification of user agency, DFO justifying the school as site specif.	Justification is attached as Annexure-I
2.	GoI in observation No. 8 has asked to provide the undertaking that no Muck will be disposed of in the nearby forest, River/Stream except for the diversion area, but no such undertaking has been found.	Undertaking is attached as Annexure-II.
3.	GoI in observation No.9 has requested to provide the compartment-wise along with the date of enumeration duly authenticated by the concerned DFO, but same has not been marked.	Action is to taken at DFO level.
4.	Separate Enumeration list of trees standing in open or vacant areas as proposed in the Layout plan, along with the undertaking that no trees will be felled in the open are required to be provided.	Action is to taken at DFO level.

DA: (As Above)


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JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA.

Government of Himachal Pradesh has been allotted the Eklavya Model Residential School Lahaul, Distt. Lahaul- Spiti (H.P.) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI. Whereas this project is within the jurisdiction of Forest Division Keylong, District Lahaul-Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, for identification of the most suitable site for development of Eklavya Model Residential School, Lahaul, an assessment was carried out considering the following aspects:

- Physical Settings
- Environmental considerations
- Social Considerations

Site Suitability Analysis		
Parameter :	Option 1	Option 2
	Barring (Forest land)	Kukumseri (Forest Land)

Topography :

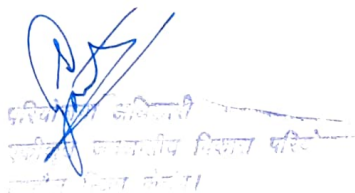
The site at Barring (forest Land) is steep sloppy and topographically not suitable hence rejected and the site at Kukumseri (forest land) is topographically suitable between two sites with ideal slopes. Since, Lahaul-Spiti is located in high altitude mountain covered range. Further more, there is no private and Govt. land available in entire Lahaul Tehsil.

Location and Connectivity:

The proposed site is located at Barring which is 5kms away from main road and located at the distance of 25 km from Head quarter and sub -District and located at high altitude and not suitable for this Project, on the other hand the proposed land at kukumseri is located on main road at the distance of only 4 Kms from the vicinity of Sub -District headquarter, due to non availability of land at District Headquarter, hence this is suitable for the project. The strategic location of the site makes it an ideal option for the said project and is as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, (GOI) (copy enclosed)

Landuse:-

The Joint Inspection Committee examined all these proposed alternates/alignments, keeping in view detailed parameters like climate, barest land/minimum involvement of forest land, minimum trees getting affected, site feasibility, ecological disturbances, environmental friendly, stability of strata. Joint Inspection Committee approved the Alternate Alignment No. 2 out of two alternates/alignments, presented by the user Agency for the construction of Eklavya Model Residential School, Lahaul. The Joint Inspection Committee rejected the Alternate No. 1



on the basis of maximum use of agriculture land, sliding strata, secluded place, non-availability of basic requirements and more environmental loss to construction as per alternate /alignment NO. 1.

Water Resources and Availability:-

It is proposed to meet the potable water demand from the underground/ natural water streams/river at proposed site in comparison to others.

Noise:-

No significant noise source is envisaged in the nearby proposed site area.

Ecology:

The site supports relatively low biodiversity with existing vegetation of relatively low ecological value. In this context, there is less ecological disturbances and is environment friendly.

Infrastructure Accessibility:-

The proposed site is centrally located with easy accessibility of basic needs such as Medical Facilities, Police Station, Banking Services, Post Office, fire station, Internet Facilities and effectiveness of the proposed project etc.

All weather connectivity:

The proposed site is connected with Aerial services (Halipad) and National Highways which remains connected during winters, since Lahaul-Spiti is heavily snow bounded and remote located hilly area.


Educational Hub:


The proposed site is located at the vicinity of sub-District Udaipur which is the hub of education. All Govt. Institutions of Higher Education like - Govt. Polytechnical College, Govt. Degree College and Industrial Training Institutes of district Lahaul-Spiti are near to the proposed site, which provide better exposure to the students. Moreover, the said location is a border area, where wards of armed forces may avail the opportunity of Quality Education in remote Tribal Border Area.

No other alternates were found feasible and suitable for the construction of this school. The joint inspection Committee recommended the proposal for the diversion of forest land under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for non-forestry purpose for the construction of Eklavya Model Residential School Lahaul, District Lahaul-Spiti (H.P.) as per Alternate Alignment No.2. It is located at the centre of Lahaul Valley, Medical facilities are available easily, Police station is near to this site, Administrative help can be availed easily, minimum loss of environment and Climate remains suitable, moreover all-weather connectivity is possible at this site in comparison to other options.


In view of above position, it is our humble request for the welfare of the ST Students by considering, the essential requirement of 6 hac. of land for the construction of Eklavya Model Residential School campus.

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Undertaking

This is to certify that Muck/Debris to be produced during the construction of Eklavya Modal Residential School Lahaul at Kukumseri will be totally used in the filling of this proposed site and behind the retaining wall. No Muck will be disposed of in the nearby forest, River/Strem except for the diversion area.


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