

No. : HOM(FS)KULLU(FP/HP/Others/145712/2021- 1213

From

Commandant Home Guards,  
7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Kullu (H.P.)

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Seraj Forest Division at Banjar,  
Distt.Kullu (H.P.)

Dated Kullu-175101

06 March, 2023

Subject : Diversion of 0.1739 ha. of forest land in favour of Commandant Home Guards 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Kullu for the construction of Home Guards 7/4 Company Office Banjar/Fire Post at Banjar within the jurisdiction of Seraj Forest Division, Distt. Kullu, H.P.

Sir,

On the subject cited above, as per Eds raised by higher office, the justification for location the project for non specific in forest area certificate has been upload in Additional Information detail in Part-I.

It is, therefore requested that the case may kindly be pursued and sent to the competent authority of its approval please.

Encl : Certificate of Justification for location the project in forest area.

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## JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST LAND

1. All other possible alternatives were examined by us. It is not possible to implement the proposed project without avoiding the forest areas of Forest. As per Joint inspection report the Forest Land area 0.1739 ha. in Shikari-III forest required for the construction Company Office Banjar/Fire Post Banjar stated in Phati Balagrah, Tehsil Banjar, District Kullu. On the basis of this inspection has been certified that forest land Shikari-III proposed to be diverted is inescapable and all other alternatives for the purpose have been explored and there is no other suitable land available in the vicinity which could be used for the purpose. Moreover the certificate of Non-Availability of land has been issued by the District Collector, Kullu non-forest land, revenue lands is not available in the entire Kullu District for the construction of Company Office Banjar/Fire Post Banjar within the jurisdiction of Forest Division Banjar, District Kullu (HP). The forest area required is the barest minimum and there is no alternative non forest land available for this purpose. Proposed work of construction of fire post & Company office will be started and completed after prior permission from competent authority. So we have decided to take necessary permission under the provision of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, is necessary & essential for carrying any non-forestry work in such forest land. The demanded area is barest minimum and no trees are required to be felled.

2. The Govt. of Himachal Pradesh has notified a Fire Post at Banjar, Distt. Kullu vide his office letter No. Home-F(A)1-3/2018(Fire) dated 18th July, 2018. The nearby fire Station/post is Fire Post Kullu at the distance 55 KM, Fire Post Larji is 20KM and Fire Post Ani is 48 KM far from the Fire Post Banjar.

## BENEFITS FROM THE PROJECT

- a. Employment generated around 13 people.
- b. The Fire Posts and Home Guards benefiting the population of over 10000 people.
- c. The Home Guards and Fire Services Department in Himachal Pradesh is headed by **the Director, General HP Home Guards/Civil Defence & Fire Services Himachal Pradesh** who is assisted by Commandants and Chief Fire Officer posted in Battalions located at all Himachal. The Directorate also has a Fire Prevention Wing under a Fire Prevention Officer. This Wing is responsible for suggesting fire prevention and protection measures. Each Fire Station/Sub-Fire Station is headed by the Station Fire Officer/Sub-Fire Officer and each Fire Post is headed by a Leading Fireman under overall supervision of a Divisional Fire Officer or Commandant Home Guards of the respective District. The primary role of the department is to protect life



and property from fire and other calamities. The other responsibilities inter alia are as under:-

- Issue of fire safety guidelines.
- Issue of 'No Objection Certificate' for fire safety.
- Fire safety arrangements during public functions.
- Issue of Fire Reports.
- Organizing fire safety lectures/demonstrations/training/awareness programme in support of Disaster Management in the State
- Assist the local administration in protecting the life and property of citizens from natural calamities or anti-social elements, maintenance of essential services, suppression of disturbances, control and regulation of traffic and prevention of crime.

d. The Fire Posts and home guards company work round the clock as far as the operational duties are concerned. Presently the existing Fire Post is located on rented building of Sh. Tara Chand S/o Sh. Ranjeet Singh, Village Khundan, P.O. & Tehsil Banjar, District Kullu (H.P.) and Home Guards 7/4 Company is located on rented building of Sh. Lot Ram S/o Sh. Jawala Dass, V.P.O. & Tehsil Banjar, District Kullu (H.P.)

  
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