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SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF FCA PROPOSAL "DIVERSION OF 2.1075 ha. OF FOREST LAND IN FAVOUR OF HPPWD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD NALDEHRA TO ODU(Km 0/0 to 2/245) TEHSIL AND DISTRICT SHIMA IN THE JURISDICTION OF SHIMLA RURAL FOPRFEST DIVISION (Online No.- FP/HP/Road/42949/2019) CONDUTCED ON 22.09.2022.


The above referred FCA proposal site is located in Naldehra beat, Mashobra block, Mashobra range of Shimla Forest Division. The length of the proposed road is 2.245 Km. entire proposed road passes through dense forest U160 Kogi Naldehra, D 70 Naldehra C III & IV having lofty, straight bole Deodar trees 319, & one Kail. Two uprooted trees in addition have been enumerated. As the earlier enumeration was carried out during 2018, fresh enumeration was ordered and there is slight variation in classes of trees and volume. The abstract of fresh enumeration of 320 trees excluding uprooted trees is given as under:

Forest	Spp.	Class									Total	Vol. (Cum)
		<V	V	IV	III	IIA	IIB	IA	IB	IC		
U 160 Kogi Naldehra	Deo	0	0	3	4	0	0	1	0	0	8	9.439
D 70 Naldehra C III	Deo	16	15	21	24	22	12	3	3	0	116	140.527
	Kail	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.992
D70 Naldehra C	Deo	9	8	29	62	54	25	6	2	0	195	280.364
Total		25	23	53	91	76	37	10	5	0	320	431.322

The proposed alignment is mostly following the existing bridal path. User agency has proposed alternative alignments along the proposed alignment only which involve more or less equal no. of trees, no effort has been made to link the village from other directions.

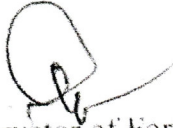
The comments in view of GoI observations are as under:

1. If the proposed alignments are considered, no. of trees cannot be reduced.
2. There is a water source along the proposed alignment close to Naldehra which may be disturbed due to road construction.



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3. The proposed road connects upper Odu village only, there is another village lower Odu, the villagers of which met the undersigned during inspection and requested to extend the road to their village also. There is already a temporary road /trace of road to this village.

In view of the demand and conservation of forest, UA should explore possibility of linking both upper & lower Odu villages through the alignment of temporary/trace of the road after taking consent of villagers of both lower & upper Odu villages.


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