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OFFICE OF DISTRICT TOURISM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER KULLU DISTRICT KULLU

To

The Divisional Forest Officer
Kullu Forest Division,
Distt. Kullu HP

Dated: - 25, May, 2023

Subject:- Diversion of 0.3644 ha. of forest land in favour of Department of Tourism & Civil Aviation, HP Shimla-9, for the construction of Way Side Amenities near Rohtang Tunnel (South Portal) within the jurisdiction of Kullu Forest Division Distt. Kullu HP.(online proposal No.FP/HP/Others/68104/2020)

Sir,

Kindly refer to the subject cited above. In this regard, it is submitted that Department of Tourism has uploaded proposed forest land measuring 0.3644 hac. for the construction of Way Side Amenities near Rohtang Tunnel (South Portal) within the jurisdiction of Kullu Forest Division Distt. Kullu HP.(online proposal No.FP/HP/Others/68104/2020). Now, Nodal Officer, Shimla HP raised EDS **point No. -3** on dated 04/05/2023. In this regard, detailed justification for the locating the project in forest area is enclosed herewith for your information and further necessary action please

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosure: As above.

Detailed justification for locating the project in forest Area

The site selected for Wayside Amenities (WSA) at south portal near Atal Tunnel Rohtang has been finalised after a detailed inspection as the alternate sites inspected for the project had more number of trees and were not found as suitable as per the proposed land.

Also, as per revenue record, there is no private land available near the Atal Tunnel Rohtang hence use of forest land for this purpose is inevitable.

It is further reiterated that with the outset of summer season, during the peak tourist season approximately 1500-2000 taxis/vehicles go to Atal Tunnel Rohtang daily. Keeping in view this fact, there is requirement of construction of Plaza, Selfie point/Sitting Area, Landscaping Area and Parking of vehicles near Atal Rohtang Tunnel (South Portal), Tehsil Manali, Distt. Kullu HP for providing facilities to the tourists.

In view of the above said facts and since it is apparent that no private land is available near Atal Tunnel Rohtang (South Portal) area, locating this project/activities in the forest is indispensable and therefore the approval for diverting the forest land for WSA at South Portal near Atal Tunnel may kindly be granted.

Place *Kullu*

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