



**GOVT. POLYTECHNIC LAHAUL & SPITI AT UDAIPUR
CAMP AT SUNDERNAGAR (MANDI) H.P**
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No. GPU/Land Acquisition/2023-898

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To

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

Subject :- Diversion of 2.0435 ha. of forest land in favour of Director of Technical Education Vocational & Industrial Training Sundernagar Distt. Mandi HP for the construction of Polytechnic at Udaipur, Distt. Lahaul&Spiti within the jurisdiction of Lahaul Forest Division Distt. Lahaul&Spiti (online Proposal No. FP/HP/Other/ 43001/2019).

Sir,

This is with reference to the subject cited above. In this context this is to inform you that the EDS raised by the forest department has been attended and para wise reply for the same is as under.

S. No.	Observation	Reply
1.	Since this is a non-site specific project, as per Para 1.10 of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, MoEF&CC, the State Government may scrutinize the alternatives in more details and must give complete justification establishing its inescapability for locating the project in forest area at designated column D (i). Further, explored alternatives showing details of tree enumeration, area etc. with reason of rejection/acceptance may be provided	Due to the hilly terrain the land holdings of local people in Himachal Pradesh is very less and they are dependent on their land for their livelihood. Moreover, Lahul & Spiti Districts of Himachal Pradesh is situated at high altitude and most of the land is desert and people are having very less land for their livelihood. Hence, there is no non-forest/private land available for the said project and the patch of land identified cannot be escaped. Further, justification for alternatives examined has been attached and uploaded on the Portal in online Part-I.
2.	In the instant proposal residential components i.e. {(Girl Hostel (0.315 ha) and Boys Hostel (0.315 ha)} has been proposed. Since, as per Para 1.10 of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, MoEF&CC "Utilization of forest area for establishing industries, construction of residential colonies, institutes, rehabilitation of displaced persons, etc. are non-site-specific	Being a technical education institution Hostel facility to the students studying in the institution is an essential part of the project as per the norms specified by AICTE, as students from different parts of the State will be admitted in the institution after undergoing selection process as per the norms and Hostel facility is must for the students undergoing education in this technical institution. Further, the area requirement for the Hostel facility is 0.630 Ha. which is less than 1 Ha. Hence, it may be

	activities and cannot be considered on forest land as a rule. For that matter, no non-site specific proposal can be entertained for considering approval under the Van (Sanrakshan Eevam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980”.	considered as site specific activity. Copy of Norms attached.
3.	In the document submitted for administrative approval, only Civil engineering trade has been sanctioned, however in the instant proposal (Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering) are also proposed. State Govt. shall clarify whether the proposed components have administrative approval or not? If yes, State Govt. is required to submit the fresh copy of administrative and financial approval.	There is only Civil Engineering Branch which has been approved for the Govt. Polytechnic Lahual & Spiti at Udaipur. Hence, revised Layout Plan has been attached and uploaded on the portal.
4.	State Govt. shall mark the exact KML file of the proposed Diversion area in the DA area topo sheet and upload the same at C (ii), Part-I.	Revised KML file with Digital Map and TOPO Sheet has been uploaded on the portal at column C(ii) in Part-I
5.	State Govt. shall provide the exact distance from the nearest PAs/WLs and its ESZ from the proposed diversion area duly authenticated by DFO concerned.	Eco Sensitive Zone Certificate has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail
6.	State Govt. shall provide the Detailed and Factual Joint Site Inspection Report (JSIR), duly authenticated from the Authorities present during the JSIR.	Revised Joint Inspection report has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail
7.	The proposed diversion area is proposed on hilly terrain and also proposal involves felling of large no. of tree felling, which may cause landslide/soil erosion in and nearby areas of proposed diversion area. Therefore, State Govt. may provide details of the mitigation measures to be adopted to arrest the accelerated soil erosion/land slide during/after execution of project. Additionally, the State Govt. may submit Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan as per para-1.22 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Eevam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.	Various mitigation measures will be adopted to arrest the soil erosion during and after the execution of the work. Undertaking for mitigation measures to be adopted has been uploaded on the portal. Further, the cost of SMCP will be paid as per the guidelines of MoEF&CC i.e. 0.5% of the total project cost will be paid towards cost of SMCP and undertaking for the same has been uploaded on the portal.
8.	State Govt. shall mark all the components as mentioned in the component wise breakup Sr. No-3, Part-I in the polygon form in the KML file (with legend in distinct colours) and area of each component should be similar to the area mentioned in B2.4.	Revised KML file in polygon form with each component marked on it has been uploaded on the portal.
9.	State Govt. shall provide/upload the undertakings from IPH, HPSEB/HPTCL, HPPWD/ NHAI/BRO duly authenticated by concerned competent authority.	The NoC from HPSEB/HPTCL, HPPWD/ NHAI/BRO duly authenticated by concerned competent authority has been uploaded on the portal against

		additional information detail.
10.	State Govt. has submitted layout in which 2 patches of the college has been proposed, however as per the KML only one patch has been marked. State Govt. shall provide the detailed and legible Scale Layout plan & structural design (length/width/height etc.) with detailed components in distinct colours with area proposed for each components in layout. Same shall be duly authenticated by DFO concerned.	Revised KML file and Layout Plan with all the components has been uploaded on the portal.
11	State Govt. may provide the details of purpose wise and component wise khasra No. for all the components in forest land may be provided.	Details of purpose wise and component wise Khasra No. for all the components has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail.
12.	Large numbers of trees and sapling (Total 392 no.) including ecologically and economically important species of (Salix Tratrasperma, Cedrus Deodar, Pinus Wallichiana) are proposed for felling. Therefore, possibility of reducing the numbers of trees to be affected may be explored or rationalization to be done in the layout of the proposal to reduce green felling.	Pertains to DFO Office
13.	In the Part-II, Sr. No-8 (i) details of wildlife present is mentioned "Snow leopard, Ibex". etc. Therefore, the State Govt. may submit the detailed Wildlife Management Plan as per para-1.22 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Eevam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for their conservation and protection/passage plan. Also, update the details in Sr. No-8 (v).	Pertains to DFO Office
14.	State Govt Shall provide the certificate of non-availability of NFL from Chief Secretary for proposing DFL under special provision Para 2.2 (iv) of Van (Sanrakshan Eevam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Eevam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, MoEF&CC.	Pertains to DFO Office


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