

Himachal Pradesh  
Public Works Department

NO. PW-SD/WA-II/Kiari to Khinna/2023-24-3387

Dated. 21.06.2023

To,



Divisional Forest officer,  
Solon Forest Division  
District Solon (HP)

**Sub:** Diversion of 4.7 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of Kiari to Khinna road Kms 0/0 to 7/820, within the jurisdiction of Solon Forest Division District Solon H.P.

**Ref:** Nodal officer-cum-APCCF (FCA) letter no. Ft.48-3645/2017(FCA)

Sir,

With Reference to the letter under reference above, the reply of observation raised by Nodal Officer-cum APCCF(FCA) is as follow:

S N	OBSERVATION: 	REPLY: 
1	<p>The Site Inspection report and the joint inspection report revealed that violation has been carried out. Therefore, in view of above, following clarification/justification may be provide-</p> <p>(i) The Action taken report against the violators as per para1.21(i) and/or (ii) of FCA Guidelines may submitted/uploaded in the portal.</p> <p>(ii) Action taken by the State Government against the officials concerned for not being able to prevent the use of forest land for non-forestry purpose without prior approval of Govt. of India</p>	<p>This observation pertains to DFO Office.</p>
2	<p>As per the DSS Analysis the proposed DA area falls within the Chail WLS and its Eco Sensitive Zone As per the provision of 12.4 of the Handbook of the Forest (Conversation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines and Clarification), 2019, the recommendation of the standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife for use of forest land for non-forestry purpose is prerequisite. Hence, state government may kindly send the recommendation of the standing committee of National Board of Wildlife.</p>	<p>The said proposed does not lies in Chail WLS and an undertaking regarding this has been uploaded in portal part-I</p>

3	The Administrative approval document issued by Competent Authority may be provided	The administrative approval attached and has been uploaded on the portal part-I
4	It has been observed in KML file that no alternative alignments has been explored. Therefore, the alternative may be explored to reduce the number of trees to affected and forest area involved in the road. If required, KML file of all alternates explored may be revised and uploaded.	Best possible alignment to effect least no of trees has been shown in last uploaded KML. Although alternative alignment has been uploaded which may affect dense forest area.
5	The beneficiary village needs to be KML as per the information provided in Part-I, B. 2.3	Required KML file has been Uploaded on the portal part-I, B. 2. 3
6	As per the Joint inspection report the in an area of 1.85 ha. Road has been already constructed and same patch will be used for Widening of the road. Therefore, State govt. may provide KML with the detailed ERoW and PRoW with distinct Colour and the layout plan with Carriageway, Paved Shoulder, Earth Filling, Drain, and Protection Work duly authenticated by the concerned DFO.	Observation attended and required document has been uploaded on the portal part-I
7	The State Govt. showing length and width of broken area and un-broken area along with list of nos. of trees proposed to be felled in these areas. Also, justify the felling of trees in broken area, if any	This observation attended and undertaking has been uploaded on the portal part-I
8	According to Muck Dumping Plan there are two destination sites has been chosen for dumping of muck. However, the dumping sites were not marked in KML file the same may be provided. Furthermore, if the Dumping site is proposed in forest land. The State Govt. may explore the possibility to shift this site to the non-forest area.	As per the advice of your good office we have the shifted the dumping site to non-forest area. Revised dumping site with KML file has been uploaded

9	If dumping site is necessarily required to be proposed in forest land, the area of forest land involved in muck dumping shall be reduced. Further, separate enumeration list of trees for the dumping site may be provided	We have shifted the dumping site to non-forest area.
10	The details of Muck Disposal Site as mentioned in the Muck Disposal Plan needs to be provided under Part-I B.2.4(Component wise breakup)	Required document has been uploaded
11	Since diversion are falls in Chail WLS As per the direction of MoEFCC direction dated 06.01.2022. Five times of NPV required to be submitted	Observation pertains to DFO office
12	The Reclamation Plan of Muck Disposal Sites need to be provided.	As we shifted the dumping site to non-forest area reclamation plan is not further required.
13.	The detail of Component wise breakup and purpose wise breakup of proposed area showing khasra no. wise forest area and non-forest area is required to be uploaded.	Check List 7 has been uploaded on the portal Part-I additional documents.
14.	The date of tree counting is not mentioned in the tree enumeration list. The State Govt. may submit/upload the tree enumeration list mentioning the date of tree counting and duly authenticated by the concerned DFO.	Observation pertains to DFO office.
15.	A brief note on the vulnerability of forest land diverted to erosion is not correctly filled in Online Portal-II. State Govt. may provide details of the mitigation measures to be adopted to arrest the accelerated soil erosion/landslide during/after execution of the project. If the area is vulnerable to erosion, then the Soil Moisture Conservation Plan (SMC), along with its cost of implementation as per MoEF& CC dated 07.06.2022, may be submitted.	Observation pertains to DFO Office.
16.	Online Portal – II, Para-8 (i) Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion has mentioned “WIZARD”. The State Govt may review and correct the same.	Observation pertains to DFO office.
17.	Under Part-II, Para 8 (ii), Whether forms part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc it is mentioned “No” by the concerned DFO. Since the proposed DA falls in the Chail WLS, which also can be	Observation pertains to DFO office.

	which also can be verified by the DSS report, State Govt. may provide the impacts of the project on the species as well as on their natural habitat. Additionally the State Govt. may submit the Wildlife Management Plan along with the details cost of its implementation as per the MoEF&CC letter vide File No. FC/11/43/2021-FC dated 07.06.2022.	
18.	In Part II, column-14, the District profile and Geographical area are incorrect. Needful may be done in this regard.	Pertains to DFO Office

Enclos: As above

  
**Executive Engineer**  
**B&R Division,**  
**HPPWD, Solan**