

JUSTIFICATION

Diversion of 0.2099 hectare of forest land in favour of Himachal Pradesh Police Department for the establishment of Police Post at Jatog, within the jurisdiction of Shimla Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, HP (FP/HP/Others/33179/2018)

In reply of observation raised vide para 3 vide Nodal Officer-cum-Addl. Pr. CCF (FCA) letter No. Ft.- 48-3739/2018(FCA) dated 24.02.2023.

It is submitted that Police Post Jatog falls under the jurisdiction of Police Station West, Shimla and has been created during British era. This Police Post is functioning in the Cantonment area of Jotog and is situated at a distance of 9 KM from District Headquarter. This Police Post shares its border with the Arki Police Ptation in District Solan, Himachal Pradesh. Covering an area encompassing 14 Gram Panchayats and 190 villages, the population of this region, as per the 2011 census, stands at 60000. Furthermore, various key establishments and vital installations are located within the jurisdiction of this Police Post, which includes the Senior Secondary School Tutu, a Primary Health Center, two Municipal Corporation wards, a B.Ed. College, a Domestic Airport at Jubbarhatti, a Modern Central Jail Kanda, four banks (SBI, Co-operative, HDFC, and PNB) along with four ATMs, and other government and non-government institutions.

This office had previously engaged with the Panchayati Raj Department regarding the proposal of land for Police Post Jatog in the Patwar Circle Tutu Khasra no 95-96. However, the Department declined the request citing internal requirements. Additionally, the committee had pursued the provision of space for a police post adjacent to the former building of the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board in Tutu. Unfortunately, this building has since been transferred to the Health Department under the approval of the Himachal Pradesh Government.


Following extensive efforts, the joint inspection committee has proposed a plot of government land located at Khasra No. 1/2/1, Mohal Tutu, within the local market area of Tutu, for the construction of the Police Post building. This selected site is deemed highly suitable for the Police Post

construction, offering optimal conditions for maintaining law and order, overseeing traffic operations, and effectively curbing drug and other illegal activities within the jurisdiction of Police Post Jatog.

Keeping in view of above narrated facts, the proposed site is at strategic location to establish the above Police Post as this site will be a centrally located site and suitable for monitoring the law and order. Moreover, there is no other non-forest alternate site available in the area. This site has also been selected/recommended by the Joint Inspection Committee to establish the Police Post Totu as there are lesser trees standing as compared to alternative site and there is no water resource, common path, cremation ground etc. and there is no other non forest land is available in Mohal Totu and Jutog Cantt.

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