

Himachal Pradesh  
Public Works Department  
No:- PW-SRDD-W/A- Diversion of Forest Land/2023-24 - 2761-62 Dated:- 28/6/24  
To

✓ The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Forest Division, Shimla

**Subject:-**

Diversion of 0.0442 ha. Of the forest land in favour of HP.PWD, for the construction of link road from PHC Badahari Gurshali to village Dawath (Kms. 0/00 to 1/500), within the jurisdiction of Shimla (Rural) forest Division H.P. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Road/150852/2022)-reg.

The observation raised by DFO Shimla dated 19 April 2024 has been attended and attached herewith.

It is therefore, submitted for information and necessary action please.

Encl:- As above.

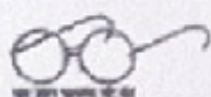
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The clarification submitted in the Part-I at Sl. No. 31 is not in consonance with the Point No. 1 observed by the Nodal Officer-cum-Addl. Pr. CCF FCA, O/o Pr. CCF HoFF, HP as the Nodal Officer has asked to give correct reason for proposal of the said road duly recommended by DFO concerned by clarifying more details as observed by the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India. Therefore, the User Agency may submit the correct reason for proposal of the said road in more detail and also the reason that why bridal path can not be widened as suggested by Govt. of India separately duly recommended by DFO, please.	19 Apr 2024	(../writereaddata/eds_UA/)	DFO	Query Related with Additional Info. sought by 'DFO'
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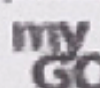


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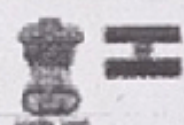


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**Reply to observation Sr. no.1 raised vide letter dated 14.11.2023:**

Following observation had been made in above mentioned letter.

*In reply S.No.1 REPLY NOT ACCEPTED. The information is the same as previous. The State Govt. may rectify KML as it shows that alternatives 1 and 2 are rejected; however, Joint Inspection Report shows that alternatives 2 and 3 are rejected. Furthermore, State Govt need to clarify to find out width of existing bridle path, which is just above the benefitted village (screenshot attached), if required same will be widened instead of constructing a new road which requires the felling of 20 trees.*

KML file has been corrected to show that alternative 2 and 3 are rejected and alternative 1 is accepted.

Furthermore, it is clarified that the bridal path visible in the satellite image is in very steep slope (Photograph attached). Height difference between starting point and end point of said path is about 80-100 m and therefore it is not possible to use this path as road even if it is widened (at present it is 2-5 feet wide) as the resulting grade would be 1:2 to 1:3 which is not suitable of plying of vehicles.( For reference, it is pertinent to mention here that maximum gradient allowed as per Indian codes even in exceptional cases is 7% i.e 1:15 for length not exceeding 100m).

Site photograph is attached herewith, wherein, it is clearly visible that it is not possible to connect village dawath by widening of bridal path. Alternative 2 depicts the possible alignment of the road if the village is to be connected with starting point of the bridal path where a large number of hairpin bends are required in forest area and no. of tress required to be felled is also greater.

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Starting  
point of  
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Bridal  
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Photograph showing Bridal path to Dawath Village



Satellite view of Bridal path and Dawath village

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