

The Divisional Forest Officer,
Dehra Division Dehra
Distt. Kangra(HP)

Sub:- Diversion of 1.0295 ha of forest land in favour of HPCTBSMDA, for the construction of Sub-Depot and Bus stand at Khundian, within the jurisdiction of Dehra Forest Division, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/OTHERS/42501/2019).

Sir,

On the subject cited above the EDS raised by your Department has been attended and the parawise reply of the same is as under:-

Sr. No.	Observation	Reply
1.	The extant proposal is a non-site specific project. As per Para 1.15 of FCA guidelines and as well as recent directions from MoEF&CC letter dated 24.01.2022 has categorically instructed that non-site specific activities cannot be considered on forest land as a rule. Therefore, the State Government may explore non-forest land for this project.	In Himachal Pradesh Land Holding is very less and land acquisition is not possible. Also, private land is very less around the proposed site and the patch of forest land identified for the said project is most suitable.
2.	Since this is a non-site specific project, 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.	The forest area identified for the said project is most feasible, as the said land in the market area and is a centre point for the people of Khundian and cannot be escaped as other alternatives explored are not suitable and far away from the approach of the market.
3.	The NPV rates are required to be revised according to recent rates by MoEF&CC letter dated 6 th January, 2022.	Pertains to DFO Office
4.	The authenticated copy of Layout plan by the concerned DFO shall be provided or uploaded.	Pertains to DFO
5.	In the Layout Plan, a long narrow vacant portion has been shown, but the utility/purpose of the portion has not been mentioned in component wise break up and layout plan. Therefore, the State Government may review and revise the Layout Plan, if required. Further, all the components mentioned in the component wise breakup must be included in the Layout Plan and shall be represented with distinct colours.	The revised layout plan with component detail is attached with the proposal folders
6.	In Layout Plan, entry and exit points of the bus stand has been shown. However, entry and exit roads do not connect the nearby road. Also, as per Digital Map of Land Use, it can be observed that the vehicles from proposed	Revised Layout Plan and Digital Map has been attached.

	entry and exit points will pass through an agriculture field. Therefore, the State Government may review and clarify about the access/approach road to the bus stand and if the access/approach road is passing through forest and/ or non-forest area, that may be included in the proposal accordingly.	
7.	In Layout plan of Bus stand and Workshop, large vacant area as yard/bus way area and open area has been proposed. This may be reviewed and reduced, if required.	Revised layout Plan has been attached
8.	A large number of trees are going to be felled in the proposed Diversion Area. The State Government must explore all the possibilities to reduce the number of trees to be felled. Additionally, list of the trees likely to be retained in open area and yard etc. may be provided.	Pertains to DFO Office
9.	Exact distance from the notified ESZ of Pong Dam WLS from concerned DFO may be provided/uploaded.	Pertains to DFO
10.	NOC from SPCB and Fire Department may be provided/uploaded	NOC from concerned departments has been procured.
11.	Muck Dumping certificate shall be authenticated by the concerned DFO and an undertaking from User Agency may be provided stating the muck generated from the construction shall not be dumped in forest land.	Muck Dumping certificate has been authenticated by the concerned DFO and an undertaking, not to dump the muck generated in the forest area has been attached with the proposal folders.
12.	FRA certificate has been provided. However, all records and annexure of consultations and proceedings of FRC and Gram Sabha of all the concerned villages are required to be submitted before Stage-II	The complete FRA certificate will be provided before Stage-II approval.


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