Government Degree College Telka District Chamba(H.P.) No. EDN-GC Telka/Forest Cases/2019-20/------dated -1.6-/08/2021 To

The Divisional Forest Officer Churah Forest Division Salooni

Distt. Chamba (H.P.).

Subject: Diversion of 2.83 Hectares of Forest Land for Construction of Building and Campus of Govt. Degree College Telka within jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division Salooni. Proposal NO.FP/HP/Others/42960/2019.

Reference:-MoEFCC Dehradun office letter No.8B/HP/09/60/2020/FC/121 dated 29/06/2021. Respected Sir/Madam,

With reference to letter referred above, Colour Layout plan showing length & Breadth has been uploaded and clarifications regarding minimize use of Forest land area are submitted to the quarter concerned for consideration please.

1. That initially some villagers having their private land along the proposed forest land site had assured to donate some portion of land to the college for the purpose of Auditorium, Gymnasium, Canteen, Playground etc. At the later stage, they backed out of their assurance citing the reasons of internal land dispute within family members. Auditorium is required for organising conferences, seminars, workshops, cultural activities and annual functions for awarding certificates /degrees to the students. Government of H.P. has implemented National Education Policy-2020 w. e. f. 2021-22.According to this policy, some colleges shall be converted into universities and all other remaining colleges as autonomous degree granting by 2030 for which all kinds of modern facilities are must in every higher Education Institute. For such facilities, sufficient space is required for the institute.

2. Further, the land selected is sloped 42 degree as measured at site. The actual width available after cutting hill slope shall remain 55 Metres on an average out of 90 Metres which shall automatically reduce the area of approximately0.800 Hectares as calculated out of 2.830 Hectares. Construction work shall be done by half cut and fill method. Layout plan has been made accordingly as for safety of structures, setback areas with strong retaining walls are required to retain the hill slope.

Hence request of user agency for diversion of 2.83 hectares of forest land may kindly be accepted as the case has been re-assessed for Construction of components and it has been observed that these components shall be constructed structurally safe due to seismic zone-V being highly vulnerable to earthquakes. Hence approval may kindly be accorded so that construction activities could be started at the earliest after the land is transferred in the name of Higher Education Department Himachal Pradesh keeping in view the students interests and difficult topographic conditions.

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