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H.P. Forest Department.

Dated D/Shala, the/ 25/08/2023 /

From: D.F.O. Dharamshala. To: C.C.F. (T) Dharamshala.

Subject: Diversion of 1.5358 ha. of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of link road from Rah to Sangam via Bhanyarkar in Distt, Kangra Km 0/0 to 2/561 kms, within the jurisdiction of Dharamshala Forest Division, District Kangra Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Road/144563/2021).

Memo :

Kindly refer to the Observations raised by Regional Officer, Government of India, Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, CGO Complex, Longwood, Shimla, H.P. – 171001, vide letter No. FC/HPB/06/42/2022 dated 20.05.2022, on the subject cited above.


2. The point wise reply to the observations furnish as under :-

Sr. No.	Observation	Reply
1.	The muck dumping site is proposed on Forest Land. The suitable Non-Forest Land/Private Land may be explored for disposal of muck. Also, a separate list of trees standing in muck dumping site may be provided/uploaded, if muck dumping is necessarily proposed in the forest land.	The possibility for proposing the Dumping Sites in non-forest land was explored but the people residing nearby own very small pieces of land, so it not possible to identify private land for the disposal of muck. A Certificate in this regard has been uploaded against Additional Information Detail and same is enclosed herewith. The Dumping Sites have been proposed in the barren land and no trees are standing on the said areas.
2.	It has been observed from the KML file that, the dumping sites are in very steep slope from where debris can be easily rolled down into the River/Nallah/Agriculture land/Household of villagers. State Government may submit safeguard measures to be adopted so that debris could not be rolled down into the River/Stream/Nallah/Agriculture land/Household of villagers etc.	The Dumping Sites have been selected after due consideration of distance, suitability and protection. The proposed area does not have steep slope, the area is suitable for muck dumping. The retaining walls will be constructed for proper stacking of muck and no muck will be rolled down the hill side in the River/Nalla/Agriculture Land/Household of villagers.
3.	Undertaking for submission of FRA Certificate has been provided. The FRA Certificate along with all prescribed annexures including records of all consultations & meetings with Gram Sabha(s) & FRA(s) of all the concerned villages is required to be submitted before Stage-II approval.	The FRA Certificate will be submitted before applying for Stage II Approval of the Proposal from Construction of Link Road from Rah to Sangam via Bhanyarkar.

4.	As per the DSS analysis 03 ha of CA area out of 3.08 ha falls in the MDF category, which is not suitable for plantation. Therefore, the State Government may review and revise the CA site accordingly.	The area proposed for CA is suitable for Plantation of 1100 Plants per hectare. A Certificate in this regard is enclosed herewith and same has been uploaded against Additional Information in Part II.
5.	The name of proposed CA land is given as UP196K Baag, therefore clarify the abbreviation UP. Also clarify the status of proposed CA land whether waste-land or UPF or DPF. If proposed CA land is notified as DPF/UPF duly authenticated copy of notification may be provided.	The name of proposed CA land is UP196K Baag and UP in the name means "Un-Demarcated Protected". The degraded forest land identified for CA is UPF (Un-demarcated Protected Forest). The copy of Working Plan Prescription of the compartment has been uploaded against Additional Information in online Part II.
6.	Layout/Line/Plan duly authenticated by the DFO along with length-wise width of the proposed road, dumping site, bridges as well areas falling in forest land and non-forest land with distinct colors shall be provided.	The Line Plan showing forest land, non-forest land and dumping sites in distinct colour has been uploaded against Additional Information Detail in online Part I and same is enclosed herewith.
7.	Project approval document issued by the Competent Authority may be provided.	The copy of Administrative Approval of the proposed road has been uploaded against Additional Information Detail and same are enclosed herewith.
8.	Most of the documents (Details of Road, Dimension wise detail etc.) in the proposal are not authenticated by the DFO concerned. This may be ensured that all the documents are authenticated by DFO concerned.	The authenticated copy of all the Documents (Detail of Road, Dimension wise detail, etc.) have been uploaded against Additional Information Detail.
9.	It has been observed from KML file that the terrain of the proposed site is Hilly/Slopy. The State Government may provide detail regarding the mitigation measures to be adopted to arrest the accelerated soil erosion/land slide during and/or after execution of the project Accordingly, comments may also be provided for overall strategies to be adopted for ecological restoration of the adjoining forest land/areas along with proposed road.	The proposed road will be constructed in the hill slopes, but the area is not vulnerable to land-slides. The proper protection works will be ensured during the construction of road to protect the hill side from sliding. The retaining walls of appropriate height will be constructed on hill sides to arrest the accelerated soil erosion/ land slide during and after execution of the Project wherever necessary. The trees of local species will be planted on both sides of the road for ecological restoration of the adjoining forest along the road.
10.	All the components mentioned in the proposal whether in forest or no-forest land is required to be marked in KML file and in all maps in distinct colours.	The Forest and Non Forest Land have been marked in the KML file and Line Plan and uploaded online in Part I and same is enclosed herewith.
11.	In Detailed note on the project, following two statements are mentioned:- a. The total length of road is 2561m out of which 2426 m falls in Forest Land and 135	The Non-Forest land involved in the proposal is the Government Land which

	<p>m falls in Govt. Land. However, the Govt. Land has not been mentioned in the component-wise breakup for this proposal. Therefore, clarification may be provided.</p> <p>b. It is also mentioned in the note that, there is already existing path of about 2-3m width, which will be used for construction of road. Therefore, it may also be clarified whether the said path is constructed under FCA violation or not. If yes, then detail of violation is required to be mentioned in this proposal.</p>	<p>has been rectified in the Component-wise breakup of the proposal and same has been uploaded online in Part I and enclosed herewith.</p> <p>The proposed road has not been constructed in violation of FCA, 1980. There exists a kutchha track having width of 2 m to 3 m, which has been used by the local villagers for decades. This kutchha path has been used for the construction of road for most of the length. A Certificate in this regard has been uploaded online and is enclosed herewith.</p>
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It is therefore, requested that the necessary approval for the diversion of 1.5358 ha of forest land for the construction of above mentioned road may kindly be obtained from the Govt. of India under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and conveyed to this office.


 Divisional Forest Officer,
 Dharamshala Forest Division,
 Dharamshala.

DIVERSION OF 1.5358 HA. OF FOREST LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM RAAH TO SANGAM
via BHANYARKAR IN DISTRICT KANGRA (H.P.)

FILE NO.


: FP/HP/ROAD/144579/2021

DATE OF PROPOSAL :

"SUITABILITY CERTIFICATE BY THE DFO"

This is to certify that 3.08 Ha. land bearing Survey No. Compartment No UP 196K Baag C-2 identified for Plantation of 1100 plants for Compensatory Afforestation in lieu of 1.5358 Ha. of forest land for the construction of link road from Raah to Sangam via Bhanyarkar in Tehsil Kangra, District Kangra (HP), is suitable for plantation and from the management and protection point of view and is free from all sorts encumbrances and encroachments. The proposed area is degraded forest land having crown density of less than 0.3 having bushes and under growth economical species so seems to be MDF, but the site is suitable for Plantation of 1100 Plants per hectare.

Place : Dharamshala
Dated : 25-08-2023


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