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The Divisional forest office,  
Forest Division Mandi.

Subject:- Diversion of 27.5709 ha of forest land for setting up of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Battalion in favour of Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) at Balh, Tehsil Balh, Distt. Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, within the jurisdiction of Mandi Forest Division, Distt. Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Others/122895/2021)

Sir,

Kindly refer to nodal officer letter no. FC/HPC/09/53/2022 Dated:-17.06.2022 addressed to CCF Mandi and copy forwarded to this office on the subject cited above. In this context the EDS raised by forest deptt. Has been attended as below:-

Sr.no	Observation	Replay
1.	This is a non-site-specific project. Para 1.15 of FCA Guideline as well as recent direction of MoEF & CC dated 24.1.2022 has categorically mentioned that non-site specific activities cannot be considered on forest land as a rule. For that matter, no non-site specific proposal can be entertained for considering approval under the FCA 1980. Therefore, State Govt. may scrutinize the alternatives in more details and must give complete justification establishing its inescapability for location the project in forest area.	The land holding in Himachal Pradesh is very less and land acquisition is not possible. The people of Himachal Pradesh is having very less land for their livelihood. The patch of land identified for the proposed project is most suitable and feasible and cannot be escaped.
2.	All the explored alternative sites also may be uploaded on PARIVESH Portal.	KML or alternative & Topo sheet has been uploaded on the MoEF Portal
3.	The KML file of Patch No. 1 (13.7 ha) of area proposed for diversion has uploaded at Part-I, Para C (a) is not downloadable. State Govt. may provide the same in downloadable format.	Revised KML has been uploaded
4.	The beneficiary certificate shows that only one village is benefited with the proposal. This needs to be reviewed and revised.	The population certificate is submitted for the village where this project is to be installed. But the NDRF battalion will facilitate the entire population of the state under disaster management.
5.	Part-I, Para-E (ii) needs to be reviewed and revised.	Need full has been done

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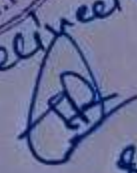


6.	FRA Certificate in the prescribed format along-with all annexure and a copy of records of all the consultation and meetings of FRC(s) and Gram Sabha(s) of the concerned villages before Stage -II approval may be provided.	Undertaking has been attached with the proposal.
7.	The project is directly accessed/approached from DMR. Therefore, NoC issued by the competent authority of PWD for direct access/approach may be provided.	NOC has been attached.
8.	As per the FC Guideline, the construction of residential quarters for officers and staff is not permissible on forest land. Therefore, State Govt. may submit a detailed justification along with supporting executive order for minimum area requirement Guideline/Notification/Norms for all the required components for establishing NDRF Battalion issued by the competent authority in this regard.	Notification of NDRF is attached.
9.	Length and Width-wise dimensions of the proposed components are not marked on the Line Plan. Therefore, State Govt. may revise Line Plan showing all the dimensions of each components in the format of Length and Width, duly authenticated by the concerned DFO.	Revised Line Plan has been attached with the proposal folders
10.	Line Plan (pocket-1) shows that a large area has been left blank/open in the West direction. Justification in this regard may be provided and/or reviewed.	Revised Line Plan has been attached with the proposal folders
11.	A large number of trees (1100 trees of different species including ecologically important Quercus spp. ) are being affected according to the proposal. However, the proposed Line Plan shows that large number of trees are standing in the periphery/boundary line of the proposed diversion area as well as in open area of the proposal can be saved. Therefore, State Govt. may review and revise the proposal thoroughly exploring the possibility to minimize the number of trees to be affected, and provide the revised enumeration list of trees actually required to be felled and correction may also be made in Part-II, Para-4(ii) as well.	Pertain to DFO
12.	The submitted Cost-Benefit Analysis report needs to be reviewed and revised according to monetary terms. Therefore, State Govt. may quantify all parameters of C/B analysis in monetary terms with the ratio form in the C/B analysis, and provide the same.	Revised cost benefited analysis has been attached
13.	State Govt. may review and revise the NPV calculation sheet in accordance with the revised rates by MoEF&CC letter dated 6.1.2022.	Pertain to DFO



14.	Clarification may be provided whether proposed CA land is a Wasteland as per 1952 notification of HP Government.	Pertain to DFO
15.	In the aerial distance certificate, it is mentioned that the project site is located more than 10 km from the nearest WLS i.e. Bandli WLS. Exact aerial distance from the Bandli WLS and its notified ESZ may be provided.	Eco sensitive certificated has already been attached
16.	Sewerage and irrigation components are marked on Part-I, Para-B(2.4). Therefore, State Govt. may provide the NoC issued by the competent authority of SPCB for establishing the sewerage plant.	The process of obtaining NOC is under process.
17.	In the status of Environment Clearance column Part-I, Para-H(i) is mentioned 'No'. However, the total built up area of the proposed components are exceeding 20000 sq mts., thus the EC is mandatory for the project. Therefore, State Govt. may correct the entry in the appropriate column and may apply for EC with competent authority and copy of the same may also be submitted to this office.	The process of obtaining EC is under process and will be submitted at the earliest
18.	The large area is proposed under the 'setback & open area' and 'land vegetation' are proposed. Since the diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose is permitted for barest and minimum requirement, therefore large areas under 'setback & open area' and 'land vegetation' components are not permitted as per the FC Guideline. Therefore, State Govt. may review and revise the areas proposed for these components.	Revised layout plan has been attached with the proposal folders
19.	According to the MMP, all the generated muck will be used at proposed project site, but the calculation sheet regarding quantity of muck generation and its utilization capacity has not been provided. Therefore, same may be provided.	Muck Management plan has been attached with the proposal folders



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