

DIVERSION OF 2.7013 HA. OF FOREST LAND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE

DEHRA IN DISTRICT KANGRA (H.P.)

FILE NO. : FP/HP/Others/50166/2020

DATE OF PROPOSAL : 27.09.2020

**SCRUTINIZATION OF THE ALTERNATIVES IN MORE DETAILS WITH
COMPLETE/DETAILED JUSTIFICATION
TO MINIMISE THE USE OF FOREST OF GOVT. DEGREE COLLEGE, DEHRA
TEHSIL DEHRA DISTRICT KANGRA**

A Joint Inspection was conducted for establishing the Govt. Degree College at Dehra in District Kangra H.P. on dated 25.06.2024. Two other alternate sites were scrutinized in more details.

ALTERNATIVE-I

The proposed area is required for construction of Govt. Degree College Dehra situated in Mohal Barwara, Mauja Paisa Tehsil Dehra, District Kangra, (H.P.). The area proposed for diversion is 2.7013 Hactare of forest land. The area proposed is centrally located and shall benefit number of students who have to travel long to get education. This institute will benefit mostly the girl students, presently, more than 80% girl students are on roll. This means that the college is contributing a lot to women empowerment through education.

Feature considered:

1. The land proposed is connected with road (NH 20A) and is in vicinity of Dehra city.
2. Forest land is involved to the tune of 2.7013 Hactares, 27013 Sq.mts.
3. Least disturbance to stable slope and green cover.
4. Less felling of trees is involved i.e.60 number of trees to be fell and 172 trees would be protected out of total 232 trees standing on the proposed area.

ALTERNATIVE-II

This alternative site involves for the construction of Govt. Degree College, Dehra in Mohal Barwara in Tehsil Dehra, District Kangra, (H.P.). The area proposed for diversion is 2.95 Hectare of forest land. The proposed alternative involves cutting of 650 numbers of trees.

Feature Considered:

1. The construction of Degree College is not feasible in terms of environment and physical cost.
2. The Proposal involves 650 trees to be cut resulting into decreasing forest cover in this area.
3. This may impact the local flora and fauna.
4. The number of enumerated trees are greater than the alternative sites.
5. The trees involved for cutting are of the rare category.

ALTERNATIVE-III

This alternative involves construction of Govt. Degree College, Dehra in Mohal Barwara in Tehsil Dehra, District Kangra, (H.P.). The area proposed for diversion is 3.015 Hectare of forest land but the construction of building and other civil components in this alternative is not technically possible. The proposed alternative involves cutting of 725 numbers of trees.

Feature Considered:

1. The area proposed is very close to a depression which may be risky as it can lead to landslides.
2. The protection works shall be required thus increasing the cost of the project.
3. The land involves felling of 725 numbers of trees, so, is not possible to locate the College building in this land.
4. This may cause huge loss to local environment and Eco-system.

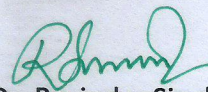
Justification for the selected site:

All the three alternatives sites have been comparatively studied, but alternative-I, which is situated at Mohal Barwara, Mauja Paisa Tehsil Dehra measuring 2.7013 Hectare land is found most suitable with less environmental implications, and no other alternate is found suitable for the raising the building of Governmental Degree College Dehra. Keeping in view, all above three alternatives, the **alternative-I**, is found more suitable and environment friendly, has been finally chosen to be adopted.

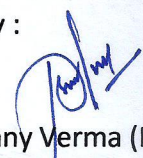
1. Fewer trees involved at the construction site i.e. 60 trees only in comparison to alternative sites. This may cause less environmental loss and impact.
2. The land proposed is connected with road (NH 20A) and is in vicinity of Dehra city.
3. The place is centrally located and easily approachable to the learners.
4. No disturbance to the stable slope and green cover, user agency will initiate the more plantations in the selected site.
5. 35 bigas land is required for the opening of New Degree College vide letter No. EDN-A-Ka(1)-2/2012 dt. 02-01-2014, issued by Pr. Secretary Education, Himachal Pradesh that is as per UGC norms our site no-I (2.7013 Hac.) is able to fulfill the requirement.
6. Proposed land is centrally located as easily accessible we intend to raise a green and clean eco-friendly college campus with least harm to the environment and local flora and fauna. Our educational institution is also committed to preserve our environment through initiatives like water conservation, rain water harvesting, use of alternative sources of energy, eco-clubs and throw various environment and climate change awareness campaigns etc. Our purpose is to raise an educational institutional with a clean and green campus.

Place : Dehra

Dated : 19th July 2024


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