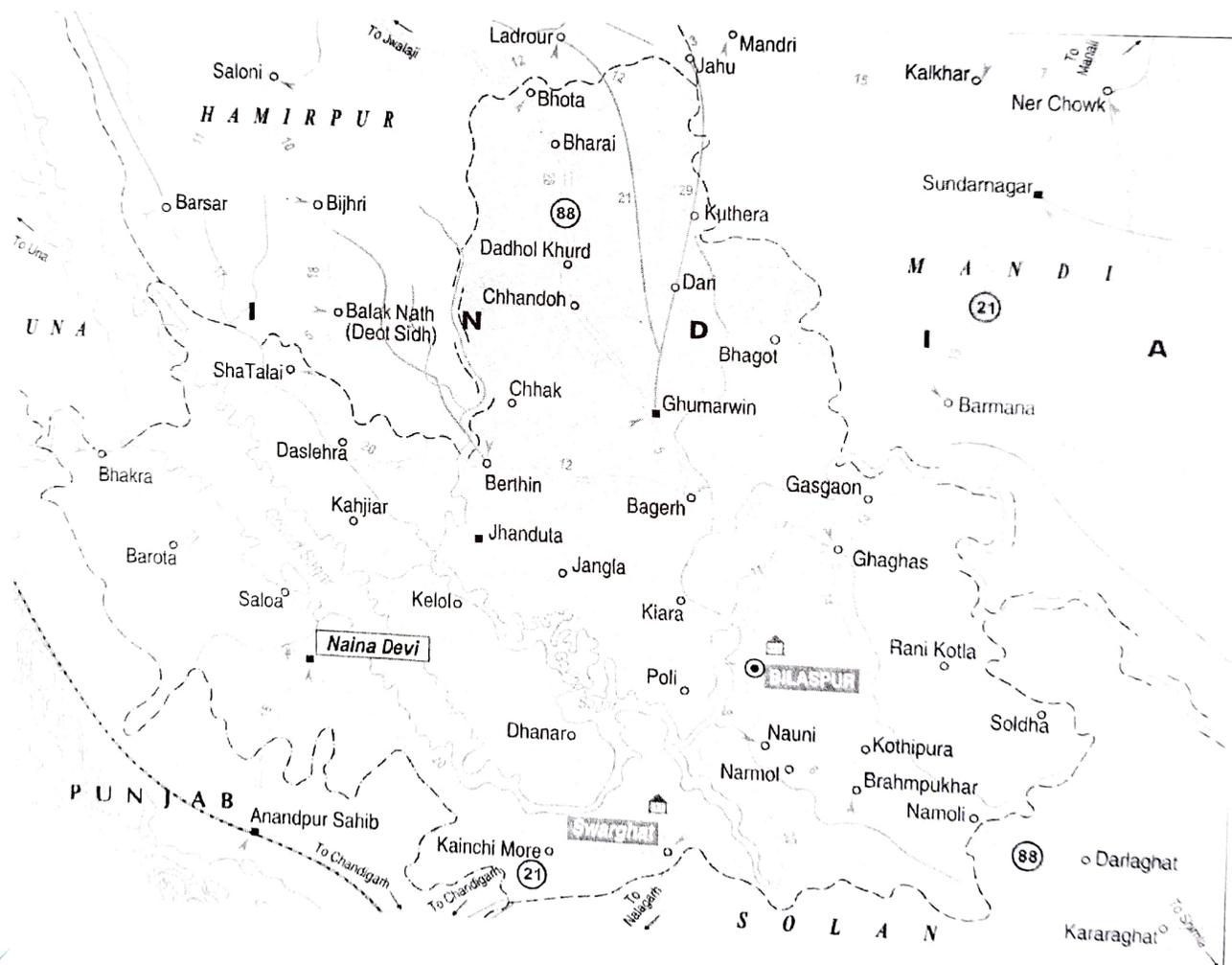


## Justification for Site-Specific Project as per Geographical Situation of the Area

Jhandutta is a Town & Tehsil headquarter in Bilaspur District of Himachal Pradesh having a total geographical area of about 329 Sq. KM with 326.42 Sq. Km in Rural region and 2.89 Sq. Km in Urban region.

As per Census 2011 the total population of Jhandutta is 91,562. In which rural population is 89,190 and Urban Population is 2,372. To facilitate this huge population, especially rural population who has to visit the Tehsil headquarter from different parts of the region for their official works in different departments at different locations, the proposal of Mini Secretariat is initiated by the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.



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| <b>District :</b>       | <b>Bilaspur</b>                        |
| <b>Tehsil/ Taluka :</b> | <b>Jhandutta</b>                       |
| <b>State :</b>          | <b>Himachal Pradesh</b>                |
| Latitude :              | 31.3827                                |
| Longitude :             | 76.59105                               |
| Area                    | 329 Sq. KM                             |
| Total Population        | 91,562<br>Rural=89,190,<br>Urban=2,372 |
| Sex Ratio               | 983                                    |
| Nearest Railway :       | Anandpur Sahib                         |
| Nearest Airport:        | Shimla Airport<br>Jubbarhatti          |

The Mini Secretariat is a local unit of administrative division in India. The Mini Secretariat plays a pivotal role at Sub-Division Administration. The construction of Mini Secretariat at Jhandutta, Distt. Bilaspur will provide a single platform to various Departments to work together under one roof to provide better and easier facilities to the local population w.r.t. their work. The population of Jhandutta Division is facing many problems regarding their works as the offices are located at different locations due to which more time is consumed in preparing a single certificate/document, sometimes it takes more than one day. The construction of Mini Secretariat Jhandutta will facilitate around 89190 Nos. of people (Rural population) and 277 Nos. of village under Sub-Division Jhandutta.

Further, it is stated that land holdings in Himachal Pradesh is very less and land acquisition is not possible. The private land under the ownership of local people/local communities is very less and they are dependent for their livelihood on these small private land holdings and local people are not willing to provide their private land for this project and there is no other Private/Non-forest land available in & around the Jhandutta area.

During the finalization of the proposed land three alternatives were explored as per detail below:-

  
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| Sr. No. | Alternate Examined | Area in Ha. | No. of Trees | Remarks  |
|---------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| 1       | Alternate-I        | 2.8736      | 334          | <b>Selected</b> as most feasible and suitable site as per requirement of the project and less area and less no. of trees coming in the alignment of the project as compared to other alternatives.                             |
| 2.      | Alternate-II       | 3.9542      | 470          | <b>Rejected</b> as the site is vulnerable to soil erosion due to its sloppy nature and chances of soil erosion during monsoon season are high. Also, more area and more number of trees are coming in the alignment.           |
| 3.      | Alternate-III      | 4.0444      | 620          | <b>Rejected</b> as the site is far away from the vicinity of the area and is also vulnerable to soil erosion. Also, more area and more number of trees are coming in the alignment as compared to Alternate-I (Proposed site). |

On the basis of above parameters the project should be considered as site specific and permission under FCA, 1980 may be granted in large public interest.

  
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