

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Lahaul Forest Division at Keylong  
Distt. Lahaul & Spiti (H.P.)

Subject:

**Diversion of 6 ha of forest land in favor of Tribal Development Department Shimla for the Construction of Eklavya Model Residential School Lahaul at Kukumseri Sub Tehsil Udaipur District Lahaul & Spiti (H.P.) within the jurisdiction of Lahaul Forest Division at Keylong District Lahaul & Spiti (H.P.) Online Proposal No. FP/HP/SCH/149630/2021**

Sir

The point wise reply of observations raised by Nodal Officer - cum Additional Principal Chief Conservator (FCA) CGO Complex, Shivalik Khand Longwood Shimla HP wide letter no. FC/SW/HPC/01/2023 on dated 15-11-2023 is as under:-

Sr.No.	Observations	Reply
1.	The construction of the EMRS is a non-site specific activity and the State Govt. has not submitted any valid justification as to how the use of forest land in the instant case is unavoidable	EMRS Lahaul at Kukumseri has been sanctioned at Sub Division Udaipur of Distt. Lahaul Spiti on preferential basis as there is no Central School in this Sub Division whereas there is Kendriya Vidyalaya at Keylong in Keylong Sub Division and Navodaya Vidyalaya at Kaza of Kaza Sub Division. The Present Site being proposed for EMRS is about 4km from Udaipur along the State High Way Tandi to Sansari Nallah abutting road which is most suitable for Construction of EMRS. In entire Lahaul & Spiti Distt. all the land belonging to the Govt. is forest land. The minimum requirement for residential EMRS School is 6 hectares. Such a big chunk of land of private landowners is not available. Therefore this land is necessarily required for construction of EMRS Lahaul at Kukumseri.
2.	A Cost-Benefit Analysis is provided. However, the same may be provided in the ratio form and uploaded in the web portal	Cost-Benefit Analysis in the ratio form is uploaded in the web portal Attached as Annexure-I.
3.	As per the information provided under column B. 2.4 components such as PLAYGROUND, GREEN AREA, and PARK envisage an area of 3.45 ha out of the 6 ha area proposed for the construction of the school which is on the higher side. The state Govt. may review the same and revise the proposal after rationalizing the actual requirement for the construction of the proposed school. Furthermore, The proposal involves residential components which need to be reviewed as per MoEF&CC direction dated 24.01.2022	Eklavya Model Residential School is a priority project of Ministry of Tribal Affairs Govt. of India and Tribal Development Department of Govt. of H.P., which envisages providing best educational opportunities and infrastructure to the Tribal students in the entire country. There is inherent provision of residence to all the students studying in EMRS Schools. Moreover all the staff deputed in the school is also to be provided residence within the school premises. Keeping this in view

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		residential components have been kept in the proposal. In the revised proposal out of 6 hectares of land being proposed for construction of EMRS only 2.45 hectares of land is envisaged for GREEN AREA and PARK. Remaining 3.55 hectares land will be utilized for Construction of various components of school viz. School Building, Hostels, Staff Residences, Guest House, Admin Block, Residences of Principle and wardens and Playground. Accordingly Lay Out Plan has been revised based on Engineering recommendations and suitability of land for construction of various components. As per notification file No. NESTS/Civil/EMRS order/140/2021-22 dated 30.03.2022 a provision for sports facilities Playground 190x110 mtr. having 400/200 mtr. track and provision for green features such as horticulture/landscaping including plantation as per topography and availability of land is to be provided. Therefore this green area major portion of which lies between school building and playground and which is not suitable for development being rocky, which cannot be left out to maintain congruence of school area will be utilized for plantation purpose. Provision for playground (190m. x 100m.) has been made keeping in view the required specifications and availability of required width. Relevant part of notification is attached as Annexure-II.
4.	As per the KML, the proposed school is on a very steep slope where any construction activities may lead to slope instability in the fragile Himalayan strata. Therefore, State Govt. may furnish the Geological Report for the extant proposal.	Geological Report has been received. As per the report the site under investigation is stable and fit for the construction of the said structure. Geological Report of Proposed site is attached as Annexure-III.
5.	Approach access from the nearest road is not included in the extant proposal same needs to be incorporated.	The land being proposed is abutting state highway Tandi to Sansari Nallha and approach access has been included in the revised proposal.
6.	NOC from HPSPCB to establish the project be provided.	NOC from HPSPCB is attached as Annexure-IV.
7.	A digital copy of the layout Plan in an appropriate scale which must include a legend and the proper dimensions of each component (Structural details), area-wise calculations which are duly authenticated by the concerned DFO need to be uploaded.	Digital copy of the layout Plan on appropriate scale which includes a legend and proper dimensions of each component area wise calculated and duly authenticated by DFO is enclosed as Annexure-V.
8.	The State Govt. may provide the undertaking that no Muck will be disposed of in the nearby forest, River/Stream except for the diversion area. Further, the Muck Disposal Plan needs to be duly authenticated by the concerned DFO	Undertaking is attached as Annexure-VI.

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9.	A large number of trees are proposed to be felled i.e., 530. Therefore, A Complete Enumeration list of trees (compartment-wise) along with the date of enumeration duly authenticated by the concerned DFO needs to be uploaded.	Enumeration of trees to be felled has been carried out. Further action is to taken at DFO level.
10.	A Separate Enumeration list of trees standing in open or vacant areas as proposed in the Layout plan, along with the undertaking that no trees will be felled in the open or vacant area may be provided.	Enumeration of trees not to be felled and standing in open or vacant areas has been carried out. Further action is to taken at DFO level.
11.	As per the information provided under column 8(i) presence of rare and endangered species also listed as Schedule I under the Wildlife Protection Act (1972) i.e., Snow leopard ( <i>Panthera uncia</i> ), ibex ( <i>Capra sibirica hemalayanus</i> ), etc. which are unique to Trans Himalayn Region. As such, comments from CWLW is required that will incorporate the impact of project on wildlife and if required, Wildlife Management Plan shall be submitted.	Action is to taken at DFO level.
12.	As per the Site Inspection Report from the concerned DFO uploaded under column 16 of part II "No rare/Endangered/Unique species for flora and fauna in the area. The state Govt. may review and rectify the same.	Action is to taken at DFO level.

DA: (As Above)

  
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