

No. GDC Chopal/FCA/ 749
Office of the Principal,
Govt. Degree College Chopal,
Tehsil Chopal, District Shimla (HP).

Dated Chopal - 171211 the 6th September'2022.

To

Divisional Forest Officer
Forest Officer Chopal

Subject : Diversion of 0.9498 ha of forest land in favor of HP Education Department for the construction of Govt. Degree College, Chopal, Distt. Shimla, H.P. within the jurisdiction of Chopal Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.(Online Proposal No.FP/HP/Road/38375 /2019).

Respected Sir,

This is in reference to Nodal Officer – cum-APCCF(FCA) office letter No. Ft. 48-3818/2018 (FCA) Proposal No.FP/HP / Others/ 38375/ 2019 dated 16.06.2022 on the subject cited above. In this context the EDS raised by your office have been attended as per the details given below:-

SR.NO.	Observation	Reply
1.	The proposal is a non-site specific project. Para 1.15 of FCA guidelines as well as recent direction of the MoEF & CC dated 24.01.2022 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 explore non forest land for the project	According to the Central Notification 1896, 1897 and 1952, all the Government land in H.P. are declared as protected Forests. Since the Govt. Degree College is proposed to be established / constructed in Chopal only , therefore the project can not be located anywhere else i.e, can not have any other location. Possibility to acquire private land was also extensively explored but private people are not willing to part with their land for the college as their land holdings are very small. In addition to above Deputy Commissioner Shimla was also requested to provide Non Forest land for the project but he also provided the certificate (attached) regarding the Non – Availability of Non Forest land . Therefore for this site specific project the only land that need to be considered for approval under the FCA 1980, is the Forest Land
2.	In Part-I, Additional Information detail, S. No.-9, in "Component wise breakup" only 3 components are mentioned. However, in Part-I, B-2.1, the Component wise breakup there are 4 components. Also, the title of the proposal is not mentioned in the documents. The same may be rectified and reviewed.	Revised Component detail has been attached with the proposal folders.
3.	The State Govt. may provide details of the mitigation measures to be adopted to arrest the accelerated soil erosion/land slide during/after execution of project, if required. Additionally, the State Govt. may submit Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan along with detail cost of its implementation as per MoEF & CC vide letter No. FC/11/48/2021-FC dated 07.06.2022, if required.	There is gentle slope on the site and very less chances of soil erosion/land slide during or after execution of the project . However , in order to take mitigation measures, it is proposed to build RCC retaining wall and B/Wall like structures and using vegetation mitigation measures. Yes if required the provision for 0.5% of the Project Cost will be provide by the Department.

4.	It is observed from the KML file that the beneficiaries Villages are not marked in the KML file. Therefore, revised KML needs to be required and uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.	Revised KML file with beneficiary villages has been uploaded on the MoEF Portal
5.	It is observed from the KML file that the all the proposed components are not marked in the KML file. Therefore, revised KML needs to be uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.	Revised KML file has been uploaded on the MoEF Portal.
6.	The status of proposed CA land may be provided and also clarify whether it is a Govt. Waste land declared as Protected Forest under HP Govt. notification, 1952 or is notified as UPF/DPF under IFA, 1927.	Pertains to DFO
7.	The area requirement for establishing a Govt. Degree College is not clear from the UGC regulation document. Therefore, State Govt. may properly clarify and provide the full detail of area requirement for such projects in the Hill States including Himachal Pradesh.	The UGC norms for establishing a college are uniform for the entire country i.e, are attached here with and there is no separate norms for hill areas / any other geographical NTT.
8.	Structural design of proposed building has not submitted by the State Government. Therefore, structural design of proposed building along with total built-up area may be provided. If the total built-up area of proposed project is more than 20000 sq. meters, then EC will be required to be obtained by User Agency.	Structural Design/Drawing of proposed building has been uploaded on the MoEF Portal and has been submitted. Also, the total built up area of the proposed project is 3160 sq. meters which is less than 20000 sq. Meters and does not require EC.
9.	State Govt. may provide/ upload KML file of the CA scheme with the Geo-referenced map of the CA land selected for plantation scheme.	Pertains to DFO
10.	The approach road to Degree College has been mentioned in the proposal. Therefore, State Govt. may provide the Length and Width details of road components along with Khasra number involved	There is no separate road construction required for the college since , the main entry of the college is from Chopal – Shimla Highway i.e, already constructed according to the specification in the acquired width.
11.	Large number of ecologically important trees Deodar (Cedrus deodar), and Kail (Pines wallichiana) is proposed for felling. Therefore, possibility of reducing the number of trees to be affected may be explored or rationalization to be done in the Layout of the proposal to reduce green felling. Further, a list of trees which are required to be felled and retained may be provided.	Pertains to DFO
12.	The State Govt. may rectify and fill the district profile in Part-II, para-14.	Pertains to DFO
13.	The State Govt. may ensure to upload the EDS compliance related annexure on the PARIVESH portal. Examination and processing of the proposal will be carried out only after the detail compliance report is uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.	EDS compliance related annexure has been uploaded on the MoEF Portal in additional information detail

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