

To

**The Divisional Forest Officer,
Chopal Forest Division.**


Subject :- Diversion of 0.9889 ha of forest land in favour of Department of Tourism Himachal Pradesh, for the construction of Helipad at Shawala, within the jurisdiction of Chopal Forest Division (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Others/102505/2020).

Sir,

On the subject site above the EDS Raised by your good office has been attended and para wise reply for the same is as under.

Sr. No.	Observation	Reply
1.	The extant proposal is a non-site specific project. As per Para 1.15 of Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act (FCA) Guidelines as well as recent directions from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) letter dated 24.01.2022 has categorically instructed that non-site specific activities cannot be considered on forest land as a rule. Therefore, the State Government may explore non-forest land for this project.	The land holding in Himachal Pradesh is very less and land acquisition is not possible. The people of Himachal Pradesh are having very less land for their livelihood. Moreover, in Chopal Town private land is very less under the ownership of private people & most of the land is forest land. The patch of land identified for the proposed project is most suitable and feasible and cannot be escaped. The undertaking for the same has been uploaded against additional information detail at Sr. No. 18 on the portal.
2.	As per Para 1.15 of FCA Guidelines, the State Government may scrutinize the alternative sites in more details and must give complete justification establishing its inescapability for locating the project in forest area. Further, explored alternative sites showing details of tree enumeration, area etc. may be provided and all alternate sites explored is required to be marked on KML file.	Justification for alternatives explored has been uploaded on the portal against Column No. D(i) in Part-I
3.	Legal status of proposed diversion area, whether it is a forest land as per Indian Forest Act (IFA)1927 under the control of State Forest Department or it is a waste land declared as Protected Forest under 1952 notification of Himachal Pradesh Government, shall be clarified.	Pertains to DFO Office
4.	Brief note on the proposed project is required to be uploaded in Part-I as additional document.	Brief note on the project has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail at Sr. No. 13 in Part-I
5.	From KML file it can be observed that a road exist nearby the proposed diversion area. Therefore, the State Govt. may provide NOC from PWD for access approach.	The NOC from HPPWD has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail at Sr. No. 19 in Part-I
6.	NOC from Fire department may be provided.	Clarification from Fire Deptt. has been uploaded against additional information detail at Sr. No. 20 in Part-I
7.	Respective area of UPF and DPF is required to be mentioned in Part-II of web portal. Needful in this regards may be done.	Pertains to DFO Office
8.	The State Govt. may clarify whether there are any other components proposed in the diversion area like office building, workshop, passengers lounge, fuel station or any other. If that is the case, all such components are	There are no other components in the diversion area. Undertaking to this effect has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail at Sr. No. 15 in Part-I

	required to be mentioned in the component wise breakup, layout plan and KML file along with its respective area forest land involved. Needful in this regard may be done.	
9.	In Part-II, it has been mentioned that proposed land is prescribed for Deodar, Kail Working Circle as per previous working plan. Therefore, the State Govt. may provide the prescription of proposed Working Plan for the diversion area.	Pertains to DFO
10.	It has been submitted that entire muck will be used in the diversion area for different activities. Therefore, the State Govt. may provide Muck Management Plan (MMP) mentioning the estimated muck to be generated including soil swell factor and muck to be utilized. Further, the MMP shall be dully countersigned by the concerned DFO.	Muck Management plan has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail at Sr. No. 21
11.	CA scheme of 1978 plants is required. Therefore, CA scheme shall be revised as per 1978 plants and also it may be ensured recent wage rates has been considered for preparing the CA Scheme.	Pertains to DFO Office
12.	NPV bill calculation sheet is required to be revised as per recent rates of MoEF&CC letter dated 6th January, 2022.	Pertains to DFO Office
13.	FRA has been submitted. However, the records and annexure of consultations and proceedings of FRC and Gram Sabha of all villages may be provided/uploaded.	Complete FRA Certificate has been uploaded on the portal against Column No. K(a) in Par-I
14.	The project is proposed in a hilly terrain, therefore, the accelerated soil erosion during and after completion of the project will be inevitable. Therefore, the State Govt. is required to submit the Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan (SMCP) as per recent directions of MoEF&CC vide letter dated 7th June, 2022.	Various mitigation measures will be adopted during and after execution of the project like, construction of R/Wall and B/Wall etc. Also, the cost of SMCP will be paid as per the guidelines i.e. 0.5% of the Total Project Cost as and when demanded by the forest department. Undertaking to this effect has been uploaded at Sr. No. 17 against additional information detail in Part-I
15.	Consent to Establish may be obtained from Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (HPSPCB) before Stage-II approval. Undertaking to provide the same is required to be submitted.	An undertaking to provide consent of HPSPCB has been uploaded on the portal at Sr. No. 16 against additional information detail in Part-I
16.	Legal status of proposed CA land, whether it is a forest land as per IFA 1927 under the control of State Forest Department or it is a waste land declared as Protected Forest under 1952 notification of HP Government, shall be clarified.	Pertains to DFO Office


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