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JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATION THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

Himachal Pradesh is the most youthful state in the country. It has produced eminent sportsperson at national and international levels in various sports disciplines. There is an urgent need of suitable infrastructure for harnessing the full potential of the youth of the state. Being a focal point of youth population and due to its better accessibility. Hamirpur is most suitable for the development of National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) for sports in the state. The location of the proposed NCOE is site specific due to following reasons:-

- 1. It may be noted that the proposed NCOE is not an isolated sports infrastructure development project. It is envisioned as an integrate sports ecosystem development project which would include the existing complimentary structures like 400m Synthetic track & football field, multipurpose indoor stadium, 16 rooms residential facility along with parking space etc, situated at Anu, Hamirpur H.P. which is within a distance of 1kms from the NCOE, as essential parts, in addition to the new sports infrastructure.
- The contiguity between the NCOE and existing complimentary infrastructure would improve resource accessibility and would lead to better resource optimization.
- 3. It is also necessary to locate the project adjacent to educational institutions so that education of sports persons does not affect adversely. The NCOE site is most suitable to cater the educational needs of the sports persons as institutes of higher education like National Institute of Technology, NSCBM (PG) Degree College Anu, Di. Radha Krishnan Medical College Hamirpur, H.P. Technical University with more than 30 World Class Schools are located in its vicinity.
- 4. NCOE would benefit more than 40 Lakh people primarily from Hamirpur, Kangra, Mandi, Bilaspur, Chamba and Una districts which would transform the region into a sports hub and a National asset of great value and the National Centre of Excelience would also boost the outcomes of key government initiatives like Khelo India, Fit India etc.

No other such suitable land was found for the above said purpose. Therefore forest land is bound to come in the project. Care has been taken to minimize the rest of forest land.

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