## **CHECK LIST NO. - 10**

## JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE ROAD IN FOREST AREA

Government of Himachal Pradesh has proposed the construction of Link Road from Kandla to Bangati K.M 0/0 to 3/725 to be constructed by H.P.P.W.D. Tissa Division. The road necessarily has to be pass through forestland and requires 2.23 Ha. of forest land to be diverted under FCA 1980. The total length of the road is 3.725 Kms. Out of which 2.900 Kms. of road will pass through the forest land and 0.825 Kms. will be pass through private land. Though this road has three alternatives for construction of this road, but keeping in view of road length, forest area and trees coming in the alignment of road, the shortest alignment having less area and trees has been chosen to road construction. As per 1952 notification of Govt. of HP all Govt. wastelands has been declared as protected forests, hence there is no escape from using the forest land. This road will be constructed to provide motorable link to the village Bangati and other adjoining sub villages. The road will cater to the needs of population of about 2000 and will give a boost to the local economy. Since all the beneficiary villages are surrounded by forests, hence the alignment have to necessarily pass through the forest area, if the primary objective of linking the villages to motor road is to be achieved. Hence there in no escape from using the forest land. Detailed joint inspection report in this regard is enclosed.

All the beneficiary villagers are surrounded by forest. Further with the construction of this road, a population of 2000 people will be benefited & the villages Kandla, Rampur, Balohd and other sub villages will be connected with the motorable road & the economy of these villages will be improved considerably. These villages fall in the most backward area of Chamba District and villagers are poor. The horticulture and agriculture produce such as Plum, Potatoes, cabbage, peas, Pulses etc. are grown in the area and people face a lot of problems in marketing of above crops for want of the road. The other services like health education and other development activities will be improved with the construction of this road. The people shall gain employment on the construction activities and activity shall help in ameliorating the poor economy of the area.

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