

**F.No. FC/HPB/06/06/2024**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**

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**Dated: As per e-sign**

**To**

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Department of Forest & Environment,  
Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.

**Subject: Proposal for seeking approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 3.2193 ha. of forest land in favour of Himachal Pradesh Public Work Department for the Construction of road Munder Kungal Makrog Khori Gadasu road within the jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.(Online Proposal No. FP/HP/ROAD/153496/2022)**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your Proposal No. **FP/HP/ROAD/153496/2022** received through Regional Office, Chandigarh on the above-mentioned subject. The proposal has been examined in the Ministry and the following observations are conveyed for necessary clarification:

1. As per the justification furnished, the road/track was initially constructed in 2006 by HPPWD, and the present proposal has been submitted for regularization of the violation. In this regard, the State Government shall clarify whether any action has been initiated against the concerned officials of HPPWD for contravention of the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
2. The State Government shall clarify the following:
  - a. Whether any road/track existed prior to 2006;
  - b. Whether the road constructed in 2006 involved widening of an existing track/path, if any. A complete chronology of events in this regard may be submitted.
3. As per DSS analysis, the software-calculated area of land proposed for diversion is 0.252 ha, whereas 3.2193 ha has been proposed in the proposal. Further, the width of the road shown in the submitted KML file is 0.10 meters, which appears incorrect. The State Government shall therefore submit a revised and accurate KML file of the proposed road alignment for proper analysis.
4. As per Part-II of the proposal, 73 trees are proposed to be felled. However, since the road is reported to have already been constructed in 2006, the

State Government shall clarify the requirement of tree felling at this stage and furnish details of alternatives explored to minimize or avoid tree felling.

5. As per the component-wise break-up, 0.25 ha of forest land has been proposed for dumping sites. The State Government shall explore the feasibility of utilizing non-forest land for dumping purposes and submit justification in case the use of forest land is unavoidable.

Further necessary action on the instant proposal will be taken after receipt of the above information.

Yours faithfully,

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
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