

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**

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**To,**

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


**Subject: Diversion of 57.10 ha [Proposed revised forest area of 64.2016 ha. minus 7.10 ha.] out of original proposed area of 75.3931 ha. of forest land under Section-2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of North Campus Central University Dharamshala, District Kangra , Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Others/39044/2019) -regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Himachal Pradesh's letter No.Ft.48-3968/2019 (FCA) dated 19.07.2022 submitting a revised proposal for diversion of 64.2016 ha. of forest land under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the construction of North Campus of Central University at Dharamshala, District Kangra, State Himachal Pradesh and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act.


After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and its acceptance by the competent authority in this Ministry, it has been decided to exclude the two patches namely Site-1 measuring 3.60 ha, the Site-8 measuring 2.50 ha along with the 1.0 ha area coming under the proposed road construction/widening for these sites as per the layout plan/ KML file submitted by the State Government. Accordingly, the **In-principle/Stage-1 approval** of the Central Government is hereby accorded for diversion of 57.10 ha of forest land for Construction of North Campus Central University Dharamshala, District Kangra State Himachal Pradesh, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. **Two patches/sites namely Site-1 (measuring 3.60 ha) and Site-8 (measuring 2.50 ha) along with 1.0 ha area proposed to be included in the roads connecting these sites shall be excluded from the project proposal. The State Government shall ensure that there is no change in the layout of the remaining area after exclusion of 7.10 ha as above and accordingly submit the commensurate KML file prior to Stage-II approval.**
- iii. **The set-off area between the construction zones shall be kept as green and provisions should be made accordingly.**
- iv. **State Govt. shall ensure that the construction should be done using eco-friendly materials and the campus be developed as a green campus to the best extent possible in order to maintain the micro-climate of the area.**

  
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**v. Compensatory Afforestation:**

- a. The Compensatory Afforestation over the identified degraded forest land of 128.50 Ha (22.5 ha.in Dhar Narwana in Malan Range area , 75 ha in CFS Khanyara P-15 in Dharamshala Range and 31 ha in Shahpur Range area) in Dharamshala Forest Division, District Kangra shall be raised by the State Forest Department at the project cost. At least 1000 saplings per ha shall be planted over identified CA land. If this is not possible to plant these many seedlings in the identified DFL, the balance seedlings, if any, will be planted in another degraded forest land as per the prescription of the Working Plan at the cost of the User Agency.
- b. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the CA land, shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the user agency. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.
- c. The KML files of diverted area and the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage II approval.
- vi. The User Agency shall transfer the funds towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal from the User Agency in accordance with the MoEF&CC's guidelines dated 6.01.2022 read with guidelines dated 22.03.2022.
- vii. The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- viii. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in the account of National Authority only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other modes will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
- ix. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by the State Government.
- x. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
- xi. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
- xii. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- xiii. The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- xiv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal. Thus, the State Govt. shall ensure that the forest land shall be used exclusively for the purpose of construction of North Campus Central University as per the plan approved from the competent authority. No commercial activity shall be allowed on forest land.
- xv. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
- xvi. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
- xvii. The User Agency shall submit the annual self -compliance report in respect of the

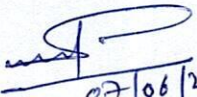
  
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above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly.

- xviii. Any other condition that the concerned Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, with prior approval of competent authority, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- xix. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- xx. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

  
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(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Shimla.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.