

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

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Dated: 23rd January, 2021

**To,
The Regional Officer (Central),
Integrated Regional Office,
MoEF&CC, Govt. of India,
Shimla**

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 75.3931 ha of forest land for Construction of North Campus Central University Dharamshala, District Kangra State Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Others/39044/2019)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above mentioned subject proposal of the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh and to say that after scrutiny of the proposal in the Ministry it has been decided that forest land proposed for diversion shall be inspected by the IRO Shimla. It would be pertinent to mention that the Ministry has already accorded Stage II/Final approval for 81.7916 ha of forest land for Central University Campus, Dehra in 2018. This approval was accorded after recommendation related to site suitability by the committee formed by Ministry of HRD Government of India.

On Scrutiny of the instant proposal, it is noticed that the new site is not contiguous with the already diverted forest land. It is observed that the new campus has been proposed at different location and on number of disjointed patches of Forest land which are part of proposal for diversion of forestland for non-site specific land uses. Site Inspection Report from Official from Regional office is to be based on visit to both the site and with consultation of local institutions & stakeholders. SIR shall contain specific recommendation/comments to enable Ministry for arriving to an appropriate decision on the proposal.

**Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)**

Asst. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. Additional Chief Secretary (Forests) Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla is requested to depute a liaison officer to coordinate with the Regional officer IRO Shimla. The necessary logistic support, to carry out the visit smoothly, may kindly be provided to the Regional Officer.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Himachal

Pradesh, Shimla.

3. The Nodal Officer, (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.