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सेवा में,

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विषय: Diversion of 25.6 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of Bhaba Mud Sagnam Attargoo Road Kms 0/0 to 44/400, within the jurisdiction of DFO Kinnaur and WL Sarahan Division, Distt. Kinnaur and Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

Ref: Online Proposal No. **FP/HP/ROAD/139911/2021** uploaded by State Government on **29.10.2022**.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the online proposal of Government of Himachal Pradesh on the above mentioned subject and reference seeking approval of the Central Government for diversion of **25.6 ha** of forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

As per the DSS Analysis, the Diversion Area of the proposal involves **2 Protected Areas** and their respective **Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ)** viz... **PIN VALLEY NATIONAL PARK** in **LAHAUL AND SPITI Dist** and **RUPI BHABHA WLS** in **KINNAUR DIST**. As per the provisions **12.4 and 12.5 of the Handbook of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines and Clarification)**, the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife for the use of forest land for non-forestry purpose is prerequisite.

2. The **PIN VALLEY NATIONAL PARK** falls under the jurisdiction of Spiti WL Div, but there is no mention of a diversion area falling in the Spiti WL Div. This may be reviewed.

3. The Copy of approval of Standing Committee of the NBWL uploaded under column I (ii) b is for **4.20 ha** of Forest Land falling in **RUPI BHABHA WLS**. However, the proposal is for **25.6 ha** falling in 2 Protected Areas.

4. The alignment of the proposed road involves large number of ecologically important Himalayan tree species. Therefore, the proposed alignment may also be reviewed so that these important ecological Himalayan tree species are minimally affected.

5. The Cost of the project mentioned under column A 1 is **210 lacs**; however, the cost of NPV and CA proposed exceeds the project's total cost. State Govt may review the same,

In view of the above, the instant proposal is not plausible to process at the IRO level in the absence of necessary approval, corrections and comments from the State Govt.

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(सत्य प्रकाश नेगी)

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