

Agenda Item No. 03:

Diversion of 5.6581 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD for construction of Dummi to Kharechi road (Kms 0/0 to 10/165), within the jurisdiction of Shimla Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, H.P. (Online Proposal No. - FP/HP/ROAD/8164/2014)

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 5.6581 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD for construction of Dummi to Kharechi road (Kms 0/0 to 10/165), within the jurisdiction of Shimla Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, H.P. The committee was informed that 636 number of trees & 511 saplings are proposed to be felled under the project, the forest land proposed for diversion is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported. No violation under FCA has been reported.

The committee was further informed that the proposal was earlier discussed by REC in its meeting held on dated 18.09.2018 and decision was deferred subject to submission of clarification / documents on 03 points pertaining to alternatives, species to be planted in CA and CB analysis which has since been complied to by the State Govt. vide letter dated 06.12.2018.

Further the committee was apprised that a complaint dated 16.10.2018 related to this proposal has been received highlighting that this road involved the cutting of the

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approximate 1000 to 1500 trees of deodar and that village "Kadiachi" was already connected through road from other side and the work is still in full swing, for which the regional office had already sought comments of the state government vide dated 21.12.2018 which are still awaited.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee deferred the case and desired that comments from the state government may be sought on justification of the proposal in view of allegation that both the villages are already well connected by the road.*