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H.P. Forest Department

Dated Rampur, the 2/5/23

From: - CCF. Rampur.

To :- Nodal Officer-cum- APCCF(FCA)
O/o Pr. CCF(HoFF) H.P. Shimla-1.

Subject: -

Diversion of 25.6 ha. of Forest land in favour HPPWD for the construction of Bhaba Mud Sagnam Attargon Road Kms 0/0 to 44/400, within the jurisdiction of DFO Kinnaur WL Sarahan Division, Distt Kinnaur and Shimla Himachal Pradesh. Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Road/139911/2021.

Memo:

Kindly refer to GoI No. 1/11546/2022 11.2022 on the subject cited above.

2. The point wise reply to the observations as raised vide letter under reference is submitted as under:-

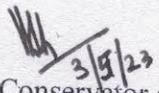
Sr. No.	Observations	Reply
1	As per the DSS Analysis, the Diversion area of the proposal involves 2 Protected area and their respective Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) viz PIN VALLEY NATIONAL PARK IN LAHAUL AND SPITI Distt and Rupri Bhaba WLS in Kinnaur Distt. As per the provision 12.4 and 12.5 of the Handbook of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guideline 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.	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that the construction of Bhaba Mudh Attargoo road is involving two protected areas and their eco-sensitive zones viz Pin valley National park in District Lahaul & Spiti and Rupri Bhaba WLS in Distt Kinnaur. It is pertinent to mention that the Forest/WL clearance of stretch/length of road falling under Pin Valley National Park stands already accorded by MoEF vide letter No. 44 Dated. 29-10-2022. for 15.94 ha. of land which is falling under HPPWD Spiti Division. Rupri Bhaba WLS falls within the jurisdiction of Wildlife Division Sarahan. The proposal under contention is submitted for approval of 44/400 Km of road length from Kinnaur side, which involves 4.8 ha. of forest land belonging to Kinnaur Forest territorial Division & 20.7963 ha. of land belonging to Rupri Bhaba Wildlife Sanctuary of Wildlife Division Sarahan. Further it is clarified that the Standing Committee of NBWL has recommended the case vide point number 44.1.6 of 45 th meeting dated 12.09.2017. The copy stands already uploaded on the online portal Part-I by the user agency.

2	The PIN VALLEY NATIONAL PARK falls under the jurisdiction of Spiti WL Division, but there is no mention of a diversion area falling in the Spiti WL Division. This may be reviewed.	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that the area of Pin Valley Nature Park falls under Spiti WL Division as mentioned in Para.1 above. The copy of approval letter has been uploaded in additional information online Part-I by the U.A.
3	The copy of approval of Standing Committee of the NBWL uploaded under column 1 (ii) b is for 4.20 ha of Forest land falling in Rupi Bhaba Wildlife Sanctuary. However, the proposal is for 25.6 ha falling in 2 Protected Areas.	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that the Standing Committee of NBWL vide point number 44.1.6 of 45 th meeting has recommended the diversion case of forest land falling from Km 33/500 to 61/930 in HPPWD Spiti and Km 0/0 to 44/400 in HPPWD Karchham at Bhaba Nagar in Kinnaur District. As such the Standing Committee has recommended the total area of 25.6 ha. not 4.20 ha. as pointed out in the observations. Copy stands already uploaded in online portal Part-I by the user agency.
4	The alignment of the proposed road involved large number of ecologically important Himalayan trees species. Therefore, the proposed alignment may also be reviewed so that these important ecologically Himalayan trees species are minimally affected.	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that the proposed alignment is only feasible involving minimum number of trees and forest /Wildlife area for which concerned DFO's have visited the site to authenticate the proposed alignment. Hence it is not possible to alter the alignment as all the possibility have been explored by the Department for minimum use of trees and land for construction of said road.
5	The cost of the project mentioned under column A 1 is 210 lacs, however, the cost of NPV and CA proposed exceeds the projects total cost State Govt may review the same,	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that the cost for the construction road previously mentioned in column has now been revised, to the tune of Rs. 34.19 crores approx.

please.

Encl: - As above

This is submitted for favour of information and further action at your end


3/5/23
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rampur Bsr, H.P.