

No. 414 /CC
H.P.Forest Department.

Dated Solan the 25/10/23

From:-

D.C.F. Solan

To:- C.F. Solan/HP.

Subject: -

Diversion of 4.7 ha. of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of Kiari to Khinna road Kms. 0/0 to 7/820, within the jurisdiction of Solan Forest Division Distt. Solan, HP.

Memo

1 Kindly refer to your office letter No. FC-SOL-H001(59)/2/2022-Sale 151600/2022 dated 16.08.2022 on the subject cited above.

In this context, it is submitted that the observation raised by Govt. of India (MoEF&CC) on 10.08.2022 has been attended in respect of Solan Forest division as under:-

Sr. No.	Observation	Reply
1.	The Site Inspection Report and Joint Inspection Report revealed that violation has been carried out. Therefore in view of above, following clarification/Justification may be provided. iii. The action Taken Report against the violators as per Para 1.21 (i) and or (ii) of FCA Guidelines may submitted/ uploaded in the portal. iv. Action taken by the state Government against the officials concerned for not being able to prevent the use of forest land for non-forestry purpose without prior approval of Govt. of India.	The Revised Site Inspection Report and Joint Inspection Report has been attached and uploaded in portal. i. Forest department has imposed the Penalty amount of Violation in Shape of NPV & Penal CA. ii. This road has been constructed by local people before 1980 for their basic amenities agriculture, Education and health services.(copy attached).
2.	As per the DSS Analysis the proposal DA Area falls within the Chail WLS and its Eco Sensitive Zone as per the provision of 12.4 of the Handbook of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines and Clarification), 2019, the recommendation of the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife for use of forest land for non-forestry purpose is prerequisite Hence, State Government may kindly send the recommendation of the standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife	Dy. Conservator of Forests Wildlife Division Shimla has reported that the proposed road sites is 0.80 Km. away from the Shimla Water Catchment Wildlife Sanctuary. (copy attached).
3.	The Administrative approval document issued by competent Authority may be provided.	Copy of Administrative Approval has been attached and uploaded in Part-I Additional information.
4.	It has been observed in KML file that no alternative alignments have been explored. Therefore, the alternative may be explored to reduce the number of trees to be affected and forest area involved in the road. If required, KML file of all alternates explored may be revised and uploaded.	There is no need for alternative alignment after spot examination because the said road has already been constructed in violation.

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5.	The beneficiary villages needs to be marked in KML as the information provided in Part-1, B2.3	The beneficiary villages has been marked on KML file and uploaded on Part-1
6.	As per the Joint Inspection Report the in an area of 1.85 ha. Road has been already construction and same patch will be used for widening of the road. Therefore State govt. may provide KML with the detailed ERow and Prow with Distinct Colour and the Layout plan with carriageway, Paved Shoulder, Earth Filling, Drain and Protection Work duly authenticated by the concerned DFO	The Road has been already constructed but road width is not as per Standard. The road is up gradation to 3.05mtr. is carriageways the detail of design standard of Road carriageway, Paved Shoulder, Earth Filling, Drain and Protection attached and uploaded on Part-I
7.	The State Govt. Showing length and width of broken area and un-broken area along with list of no. of trees proposed to be filled in this area. Also Justify the felling of trees in broken area, if any.	The undertaking of UA is attached and uploaded in the portal.
8.	According to the Muck Dumping Plan there were two designated sites has been chosen for dumping of muck. However the dumping sites were not marked KML file the same may be provided. Furthermore, if the dumping site is proposed in forest land the state Govt, may explore the possibility to shift this site to the non-forest area	The UA has given the undertaking that the dumping sites has been explored in non-forest area in khasra No. 429/405/9/1 at Mauza Shillai, Tehsil Kandaghat Distt. Solan. (copy uploaded/attached).
9.	If dumping site necessarily required to be proposed in forest land, the area of forest land involved in muck dumping shall be reduced Further separate enumeration list of trees for the dumping site may be provided	-do-
10.	The detail of the Muck Disposal sites as mentioned in the Muck Disposal Plan need to Provide under Part-1 B. 2.4 (Component wise breakup)	Muck Disposal Plan is attached and uploaded in online portal.
11.	Since diversion area falls in Chail WLS as per the direction of MoEFCC direction dated 06-01-2022 five time of NPV required to be submitted.	The Revised NPV Bill has been attached.
12.	The reclamation Plan of Muck Disposal Sites need to provided.	As above point No.8.
13.	The detail of component wise breakup and purpose wise breakup of proposal area showing Khasra no. wise forest area and non-forest area is required to be uploaded.	The Check List No. 6 & 7 has been uploaded/attached.
14.	The date of tree counting is not mentioned in the tree enumeration list the state Govt. may submit/upload the trees enumeration list mentioning the date of tree counting and duly authenticated by the concerned DFO	The correction has needful done.
15.	A brief note on the vulnerability of forest land diverted to erosion is not correctly filled in Online Portal- II. State Govt may provide details of the mitigation measures to be adopted to arrest the accelerated soil erosion landslide during/after execution of the project, If the area is vulnerable to erosion, then the Soil Moisture Conservation Plan (SMC), along with its cost of implementation as per MoEF&CC dated 07.06.2022, may be submitted	UA has given the undertaking as per guideline issued by MoEF&CC dated 07.06.2022.(copy uploaded/attached).

16.	Online Portal -II, Para-8 (1) Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion has mentioned "WIZARD". The State Govt. may review and correct the same.	The correction has been done in appropriate column in online portal.
17.	Under Part-II, Para 8 (ii), Whether forms part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc it is mentioned "No" by the concerned DFO. Since the proposed DA falls in the Chail WLS, which also can be verified by the DSS report, State Govt. may provide the impacts of the project on the species as well as on their natural habitat. Additionally, the State Govt. may submit the Wildlife Management Plan along with the details cost of its implementation as per the MoEF&CC letter vide File No. FC/11/43/2021-FC dated 07.06.2022.	UA has given the undertaking as per guideline issued by MoEF&CC dated 07.06.2022.(copy uploaded/attached). The cost of project is $78118000 \times 0.5\% = 390590/-$. The wildlife management plan alongwith detail, Rs. 390590 will be submitted separately.
18.	In Part II, column-14, the District profile and geographical area are incorrect. Needful may be done in this regard.	The geographical area of the District has been mentioned in appropriate column. (i.e. 1936 Sq. Km.)

This is for favour of kind information and necessary action at your end please.

Encl:- As above

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