

No. 4342

HP Forest Department.

Dated Dehra, the 03/10/2024

From: DFO Dehra.

To: CF Hamirpur

Subject: **Diversion of 2.7013 hac. of Forest land in favour of Directorate of Higher Education for the Construction of Government Degree College Dehra within the jurisdiction of Dehra Forest Division Distt Kangra H.P**

Memo,

Kindly refer to the observations raised by Government of India , Sub- Office Shimla (Regional Office Chandigarh), Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, CGO Complex, Shivalikkhad Longwood Shimla, Himachal Pradesh 171001 vide letter No. FC/HPB/09/05/2024 dated 23.04.2024 in the subject cited above.

In this regard the Point wise reply to the observations is as under:

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1.	Since this is a non-site specific project, as per Para 1.10 of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, MoEF&CC, the State Government may scrutinize the alternatives in more details and must give complete/detailed justification highlighting establishing its inescapability for locating the project in forest area. Further, explored alternatives showing details of tree enumeration, area etc. with, reason of rejection/acceptance, duly countersigned by DFO concerned may be provided.	Himachal Pradesh being a hilly state, there is no such big chunk of non-forest land available in the area. The people own small piece of land which cannot be considered for the construction of Govt. College. All alternatives have been explored for establishing the college and alternative with minimum forest land and involving less felling of trees has been finalized. The detailed alternative detail is has been uploaded against Additional Information Detail and same is enclosed herewith.
2.	Upon perusal of KML, It has been observed that the polygon is crossing/passing through the Existing NH. State Govt. shall rectify the KML and be upload the revised KML.	The revised KML file has been uploaded in online Part I.
3.	In the Muck Management plan, it is mentioned that "area of Parking and playground proposed on very Steep Slopes" and diversion area also involves felling of large No. of of tree may cause landslide/soil erosion. Therefore, State Govt. may provide details of the mitigation measures to be adopted to arrest the accelerated soil erosion/land slide during/after execution of project. Additionally, the State Govt. may submit Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan as per para-1.22 (ii) of	The Soil and Moisture conservation Plan with details of mitigation measures to be adopted to arrest the accelerated soil erosion/ land slide during and after the execution of Project has been uploaded against the Additional Information Detail in Online Part I and same is enclosed herewith.

	the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.	
4.	State Govt. is required to upload the revised toposheet of the diversion area with correct area figure and tree felling details, duly authenticated by DFO concerned.	The Revised Topo sheet of the diversion area showing the correct area figure and tree felling has been uploaded against the Additional Information Detail in Online Part I and same is enclosed herewith.
5.	The approach road to the Govt. College is not proposed in the proposal. If approach road from nearest road to proposed land is required, then same is required to be included in the proposed DA as a component along with area figure.	The College Campus has been proposed adjoining to the Mubarikpur – Dehra – Kangra Highway, so there is no requirement of the road component.
6.	In the Part-II, duly filled by DFO mentioned 232 no of trees are proposed for felling. However as per the Part-II, S. No-4 (ii), only 60 trees are mentioned. State Govt. shall review and rectify the Part-II with correct figures.	Out of 232 number of trees that are standing on the proposed lands only 60 trees are to be felled, remaining 172 trees would be retained.
7.	State Govt. may provide the detailed and legible Scale Layout plan & structural design (length/width/height etc.) with detailed components in distinct colours with area proposed for each components in layout. Same shall be duly authenticated by DFO concerned.	The Revised Layout Plan with detailed Structural Design has been uploaded against the Additional Information Detail in Online Part I and same is enclosed herewith.
8.	State Govt. shall provide the detailed and factual Joint Inspection Report (JSIR) by the concerned authority.	The Detailed and factual Joint Inspection Report by the Competent Authority has been uploaded against the Additional Information Detail in Online Part I and same is enclosed herewith.
9.	State Govt. shall provide/upload the fresh Detail note of the project with correct figure of area and Trees proposed for felling.	The revised Detail Note of the Project with correct figure of area and Trees proposed for felling has been uploaded against the Additional Information Detail in Online Part I and same is enclosed herewith.
10.	State Govt. may provide the details of purpose wise and component wise khasra No. for all the components in forest land may be provided.	The details of purpose wise and component wise Khasra No. for all the components in forest land has been uploaded against the Additional Information Detail in online Part I and same is enclosed herewith.
11.	NPV bill/calculation sheet has been submitted as per the dense category however as per S. No-4 (i), Part-II, Vegetation density has been mentioned as "0.2". State Govt. shall clarify the same.	Necessary correction has been made , NPV Bill/Calculation sheet has been revised & submitted as per density class.

12.	State Govt. shall provide the exact aerial distance of the diversion area from the nearest PAs/WLs and its proposed/notified ESZ, duly authenticated by DFO concerned.	The exact aerial distance of the diversion area from the nearest PAs/WLs and its proposed/notified ESZ, duly authenticated by DFO along with google sheet has been uploaded against the Additional Information Detail in online Part I and copy of same is enclosed herewith.
13.	State Govt. Shall provide the certificate of non-availability of NFL as per format in SCHEDULE - III from Chief Secretary for proposing DFL under special provision Para 2.2 (iv) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, MoEF&CC.	The Certificate issued by the worthy District Collector, Kangra at Dharamshala has been uploaded against Additional Information Detail in online Part I. The Certificate from Chief Secretary will be submitted at the earliest as it has been applied through proper channel.


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