

No. D-V/576/G/ 4963
HP Forest Department

Dated Chamba, the 05/10/2023

From: Conservator of Forests,
Chamba-176 310.

To Nodal Officer-Cum-APCCF(FCA)
O/o Pr. CCF, H.P. Shimla.

Subject:- Diversion of 1.8086 Ha. of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of link road from Gahar da Gathu to Lanoh Km 0/0 to 3/510 Km within the jurisdiction of Dalhousie Forest Division Distt. Chamba H.P.

Memo:-

Kindly refer to GoI, Integrated Regional Office, MOEF, Shimla letter No. FC/HPB/06/59/2021 dated 23.09.2022 on the subject cited above.

2. In this connection, it is submitted that the observation as raised vide letter under reference have been attended by User Agency as well as DFO Dalhousie. The point wise reply to the EDS is given as under: -

S. No.	Observation	Reply
1	In reply to point no. 1, it has been submitted that existing road which is visible in the KML file was constructed in year 2007-08 under scheme RSBY for forestry purpose. In this regard, documentary proof of construction of road by Forest Department duly authenticated by DFO concerned may be provided.	DFO Dalhousie has submitted that the road was constructed by the Forest Department during the year 2004-06 under scheme RSVY for forestry purpose, he informed that the record of these expenditure/other relevant has been weeded out by DFO Dalhousie vide his office order No. 159/2016-17 dated 04.08.2016, copy of same has been uploaded on the portal by DFO in online Part-II.
2	Large number no. of important trees (152 No.) are proposed for felling. Therefore, possibility of reducing the numbers of trees to be affected may be explored or rationalisation to be done in the layout of the proposal to reduce green felling. Further, a list of trees which are required to be felled and retained may be provided. The detail of length and width of existing road and proposed road may be provided in tabulated form	User Agency has submitted that all possible efforts to reduce the number of trees for felling shall be made by them during the construction of road.

3	Reply to the observation no.-4 of EDS letter dated 12.01.2022 has not been satisfactorily complied. Comments of Conservator of Forest regarding the violation, due to contradictory statements in the Detailed note of project and JIR (Joint Inspection Report) with SIR (Site Inspection report) was required to be submit. However, comments of Conservator of Forest have not been submitted. Therefore, Conservator of Forest concerned may submit the comments in this regard	As already submitted in point NO. 1, the record of these expenditure/other relevant documents regarding construction of above road has been weeded out by DFO Dalhousie vide his office order No. 159/2016-17 dated 04.08.2016, copy of same has been uploaded on the portal by DFO in online Part-II. Hence, no construction of road/violation of FCA is made by the user agency.
4	It has been observed from the KML file that, diversion area is having slightly steep and prone to 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 along with detail cost of its implementation as per MoEF & CC vide letter No. FC11/43/2021-FC dated 07.06.2022.	The Soil Moisture Conservation Plan is not yet prepared. Hence, the undertaking regarding soil Moisture Conservation Plan has been uploaded on the portal by the User Agency in online Part-I.
5.	The documents regarding the length and width of road is uploaded on the PARIVESH portal. However, it is not in downloadable form. Therefore, legible copy of the same may be provided and uploaded on PARIVESH portal.	Legible copy regarding length and width of road has been uploaded in online Part-I against additional information.
6.	The State Govt may upload the revised KML file/Layout/Line plan showing (Forest, Non-forest, Violated and Non-violated part) on the PARIVESH portal.	The revised KML file has been uploaded by the user agency in online Part-I against the appropriate column.

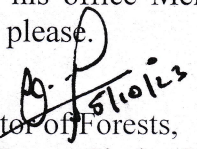
This is submitted for favour of your information and further necessary action please.

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**Conservator of Forests,
Chamba Forest Circle, Chamba.**

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Copy is forwarded to DFO Dalhousie with reference to his office Memo. No. 5629 dated 21.09.2023 and online reply dated 29.09.2023 for information please.


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