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No. RFD/Record/2025- 3125
H.P. Forest Department
Dated Rampur, the 04.09.2025

From: - DFO Rampur.

To: - C.F. Rampur.

Subject: - Diversion of 0.1820 hac. forest land in favour of HRTC for construction of Bus Stand at Nankhari within the jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division, Distt. Shimla H.P.

Memo:

Kindly refer to your office endst. No 4855 dated 29/01/2025 and online observations dated 26.07.2025 on the subject cited above.

2. In this context, it is submitted that the point wise reply to the observation raised vide your office letter under reference is furnished as under:-

S. No.	EDS/Observation	Reply of observation
1.	The proposal is for diversion of 0.3534 ha protected forest land for construction of bus stand with enumeration of 72 Deodar Trees. In view of the guideline para 1.10, it is requested to kindly explore non forest land for the purpose.	Exploration for non-forest land was carried out. However, it is submitted that no non-forest area is available for the said project. The reasons, which have also been spelled out in the site-specificity report of the undersigned and include: 1) The Notification No Ft. 29-241/B/B/49 dated 25.02.1952 which declares all wastelands as deemed protected forests in the state of Himachal Pradesh. Due to this reason, there is no other non-forest land available which can be used for the present project. 2) The fact of non-availability of non-forest land has also been certified by Deputy Commissioner, Shimla vide their letter No. SML-SR 57/2020-81 dated 28.01.2021 However, <i>to offset the ecological concerns raised in the EDS, the user agency has</i>

		<i>further reduced the area proposed for diversion for the construction of the Bus Stand at Nankhari from 0.3534 hectares to 0.1820 hectares.</i> This much area is the minimum required to carry out a viable project.
2.	In view of the guideline dated 24.09.2024, justification submitted by the State Govt. for construction of bus stand with enumeration of 72 Deodar trees and alternatives examined not found justified. It is therefore requested to kindly explore non forest land or an open forest area for the purpose.	It is submitted that no non-forest area is available for the said project for the reasons detailed in reply to EDS 1 and as also detailed in the site-specificity report of the undersigned uploaded under additional information. Anecdotaly, the vicinity of the site where the bus-stand is proposed to come up had been used as a temporary trading ground for local agricultural produce. The area is thus, in the view of local people, most suitable for meeting the development needs via construction of a bus stand. To offset ecological concerns the user agency has further decreased the area of diversion from the original 0.3534 to 0.1820 ha. <u><i>Consequently, the number of trees to be felled has also reduced from 72 to 35.</i></u>
3.	Provisions of budget for the construction of road is Uploaded, however administrative approval is not found uploaded. It is requested to kindly upload the same.	The administrative approval has been uploaded at Sr. No. 10 under Additional Information Details under Part 1 by the User Agency.

It is thus submitted that though no non-forest land could be found for the said project, the offsetting of environmental damage has been sought to be achieved by reduction of forest area and the number of trees to be felled. This is submitted for favour of further necessary action at your end please.



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