

No. D-V/548/G/ 163
HP Forest Department

Dated Chamba, the 06/04/2023

From: Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chamba-176 310.

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

Subject: Diversion of 3.677 hectare forest land in favour of HPPWD Division Salooni for construction of link road from Nadal to Jutarahan (Km 0/0 to 3/090) within the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division.

Memo:

Kindly refer to Govt. of India, MOEF, IRO Shimla office letter No. FC/HPB/06/66/2022 dated 10.08.2022 on the subject cited above.

2. In this connection, it is submitted that the observations as raised vide letter under reference have been attended by the User Agency as well as DFO Churah, the point wise reply to the EDS as per the submissions of DFO Churah is furnished as under: -

Sr. No.	EDS/Observation	Reply to EDS
1	Administrative Approval of the project needs to be provided.	Copy of administrative approval of the project is enclosed herewith.
2	The State Govt. may provide/upload a brief note of the project under Additional information	Brief Note of project has been uploaded along with reply against additional information in Online Part-II.
3	The KML file shows that only two beneficiary villages have been marked in the KML. However, as per the information provided in Part-I, there are five villages.	Revised KML file has been uploaded by the User Agency against appropriate column.
4	It has been observed from the KML file that alignment is passing through Agriculture land. Therefore, comments of the DFO on whether this is a part of Non-Forest Land or Encroachment on Forest Land may be provided.	DFO has submitted that 0.734 Km road will pass through the Non-Forest (Private) land. Hence, there is no any encroachment on the forest land.
5	The layout plan must include a legend and the proper dimensions of each component, such as Carriageway, Paved Shoulder, Earth Filling, Drain, and Protection Work, as well as an area-wise calculation that is countersigned by the concerned DFO. Furthermore, the forest land and non-forest	Revised Layout Plan has been uploaded along with reply against additional information in Online Part-II.

	land involved in the proposal must be represented in the layout plan with distinct colours.	
6	From the KML file, it can be observed that the alignment of the road in village Kunda overlaps the existing road. Therefore, the KML file shall be rectified to avoid overlapping	Revised KML file incorporating this has been uploaded by the User Agency against appropriate column.
7	As per the KML, it is observed that there is an existing path/road. State Govt. may provide the details on whether it is already constructed. If yes, whether approved under FC was obtained or not, details for the same may be provided.	DFO has submitted that the existing path shown in the KML is not a road, it is just a footpath which is being used by the villagers to carry the material from one village to another village only.
8	NPV calculation sheet/Bills are required to be revised as per the direction by MoEF&CC dated 06.01.2022	NPV calculation sheet/Bills are required has been revised as per the direction by MoEF&CC dated 06.01.2022 and uploaded against additional information with this reply in part-II.
9	The Abstract of Trees and Enumeration list, duly authenticated by the concerned DFO, needs to be provided.	Necessary enumeration list along with abstract of trees coming in the alignment of the road duly authenticated by DFO has been uploaded against additional information in Part-II.
10	It has been observed from KML and can be further confirmed from the geologist report that the dumping site is on a steep slope from where the debris can be easily rolled down into Rivulets/household/Agriculture fields. State Govt. may ensure effective protection measures before any dumping is made to avoid spillage of muck	It is submitted by the User Agency that GI wire crate in multiple layers shall be provided as per site condition and requirement during the construction phase.
11	All the dumping sites are proposed on forest land. The state government shall explore non-forest land for the same. If a dumping site is necessarily required to be proposed in forest land, the area of forest land involved in muck dumping shall be reduced. Further, a separate enumeration list of trees for the dumping site may be provided.	It is submitted that full efforts were made by the user agency and all the possible alternative explored were considered by the Joint Inspection team and this alternative which was best suitable, having minimum requirement of forest land as well as trees is finalized. Further, it is also submitted that the local habitant are holding very less land which is only sufficient for his livelihood and they did not agreed for donating dumping sites

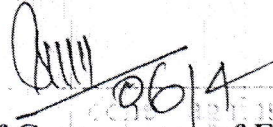
12	The Muck Management Plan needs to be duly authenticated by the Concerned DFO.	The Muck Management Plan duly authenticated by DFO has been uploaded against additional in online part-II with this reply.
13	The Reclamation Plan of Muck Disposal Sites needs to be provided.	Reclamation Plan has been uploaded against additional in online part-II with this reply
14	The Abstract of Trees and Enumeration list, duly authenticated by the concerned DFO, needs to be provided.	Needful has been done and has been uploaded against additional in online part-II with this reply
15	Area Statement involving Forest land mentioning Khasra no. duly authenticated by the concerned DFO needs to be provided	Needful has been done and has been uploaded against additional in online part-II with this reply
16	In Part II, column - 14, the District profile and geographical area is incorrect. Needful may be done in this regard.	Needful has been done against appropriate column.
17	As per DSS analysis, the proposed area for diversion is given 3.677 ha, but as calculated on DSS Portal, it is found to be 1.44 ha. Therefore necessary corrections in the KML file may be carried out. The revised KML file may be uploaded	Revised KML file incorporating this has been uploaded by the User Agency against appropriate column.
18	NoC/Sale deed for non-forest land acquired from private individuals is required to be submitted.	NoC/Sale deed for non-forest land acquired from private individuals has been uploaded against additional in online part-II with this reply.
19	As per the geologist report provided it is clearly mentioned that the proposed alignment falls in steeply sloping hilly terrain. 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	It has been submitted by the User Agency that all necessary steps to mitigate the soil erosion will be taken during the preparation of DPR.
20	State Govt. may update information under column 6, Part- II online.	Needful has been done against appropriate column.

	trees of Ban (Quercus spp) trees which is ecologically important tree. Another alternate alignment may be considered for minimizing trees to be affected.	been carried out under the chairmanship of undersigned on dated 03.09.2021. Hence is one is best suitable alignment for construction of this road considering all aspects.
22	KML files show that the land proposed for CA has an exposed bare rock surface. Therefore, the State Govt. may provide the possibility of plantation in such a site. If required, suitable CA site may be explored	The revised CA site Map, KML and toposheet map have been uploaded against the additional information please.
23	In Part II, column - 14, the District profile and geographical area are incorrect. Needful may be done in this regard	Needful has been done against appropriate column.
24	The Recommendation letters uploaded under columns 16 and 17 of online Part-II do not have the proposal number and date. The same may be reviewed, rectified, and uploaded online	Pertains to be attended at higher level please.

Submitted for favor of your information and further necessary action under FCA-

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Encl:- As above.


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