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No. D.VI-175 (M)
HP. Forest Department
Dated Bilaspur, the

From: CCF Bilaspur.

To: Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA)
O/o Pr.CCF(HoFF)HP, Shimla.

Subject: - Diversion of 3.9654 ha. instead of 5.5334 ha. of forest land in favour of HPPWD for construction of link road Khal Tiba Km 0/0 to 7/0 within the jurisdiction of Bilaspur Forest Division.

Memo:

Kindly refer to GoI letter No. 8B/HP/06/02/2020 dated 04.10.2023 on the subject cited above.

2. The point-wise reply/information to the shortcomings as furnished by DFO Bilaspur is as under:-

Sr. No.	EDS/Observations	Reply to EDS
1	In reply to SN.1-REPLY NOT ACCEPTED. There appears discrepancy in fact regarding Notification of Govind Sagar Lake as WLS in 1999 and de-notification in 2013. State Govt. need to clarify regarding date of notification/de-notification of WLS and if the notification is in existence, then the ESZ has been notified or not.	The GoHP has declare Govind Sagar as Wild Life Sanctuary vide Notification No. FFE-B-F(6)-18/99 dated 23.10.1999. There after above Wild Life Sanctuary has been de-notified by GoHP vide Notification No. FFE-B-F(6)-11/2005-II/Govind Sagar dated 07.06.2013. Now the notification dated 23.10.1999 is not in existence.
2	In reply to SN.2-REPLY NOT ACCEPTED. State Govt. may review the difference in the proposed DA area and calculated area, and accordingly, fresh KML may be uploaded under the appropriate column of the online portal.	The difference in proposed DA and calculated area has been reviewed and accordingly, fresh KML file has been uploaded under the appropriate column of the online by the user agency.
3	In reply to SN.3-REPLY NOT ACCEPTED. The State Govt. to clarify regarding measures to be taken to minimize the impact. User agency is not competent to comment on this and hence, the reply can't be accepted as such.	A Kachha road of 5960 mtr length & 2.50 mtr width already exists in the area. No case of human-wildlife conflict, apart from the ones involving Rhesus macaque (Common monkey) has been reported in the area. However, measures such as box & pipe culverts canopy, bridge, fences, glider poles will be implemented. Funds have been sought from user agency to prepare a detailed wildlife management plan. An undertaking that they will be submitting the same after the receipt of in-principle approval has been received.
4	In reply to SN.10-REPLY NOT ACCEPTED. The CA site needs to be revised so that 7.93 ha. Open forests are available within the proposed CA site so as to accommodate target plantation.	CA area is infested with lantana up to 25%. There is prevalence of other bushes as well in the area. The average lantana infestation in whole of the area is about 25% and density is below 20% as such this area is suitable/fit for raising of CA as per FCA guideline. A certificate in this behalf has already been submitted vide this office letter No. 8099 dated 24.03.2021. Further CA area 7.94 ha. is identify/selected from a patch of 11 ha. forest land. In this whole of 11 ha. patch, there are only 608 trees are existing as such.

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		Sap.	V	VI	III	IIA	Total
		126	313	162	6	1	608
		Keeping in view of these existing trees over 11 ha. area the density of vegetation is 0.07 as such density of vegetation of over 7.94 ha. area is 0.10. which is fit for raising of CA as per FCA guidelines.					

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Copy is forwarded to DFO Bilaspur w.r.t. his office memo. No.D-Blp/Link road Khal Tiba(3.9654)/7628 dated 27.10.2023 for information.

