

No.Ft.48-3781/2018(FCA)  
HP Forest Department

From:

Nodal Officer -cum-Addl.Pr.Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)  
O/O Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF),  
Himachal Pradesh Shimla-1.

To:

The Deputy Inspector General of Forests,  
Govt of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
(FC Division) Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road,  
New Delhi-110003.

Dated Shimla-1, the

07 JAN 2018

Subject:

Diversion of 40.5084 ha of forest land in favour of ADM Cum-DY.  
DIR ADMN AIIMS C/O ADM Office Bilaspur,HP, for the  
construction of Proposed AIIMS at Kothipura, Distt Bilaspur,  
within the jurisdiction of Bilaspur Forest Division Distt Bilaspur,  
HP.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No.8-70/2018-FC dated 02.01.2018 on the  
subject cited above.

2. The reply to the observations pointed vide your above referred office  
communication is given as under please.

- i. It is submitted that Govt of India has decided to open one AIIMS in the  
State of HP under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna(PMSSY)  
with the objective of correcting regional imbalances in the availability of  
affordable/ reliable tertiary healthcare services and also to augment  
facilities for quality medical education in the country for which a  
minimum land of 200 acres approximately has been required as per the  
communication dated 19.6.2014 of the Hon'ble Minister of Health and  
Family Welfare Government of India to the Chief Minister of Himachal  
Pradesh(copy enclosed). Since the proposed site has been found suitable  
and approved by the authorities and the State Govt. has already  
transferred 793.13bighas ie 120 Acres of non forest land which is 60% of  
the total land required for the said project. In order to meet the minimum  
possible land as required for the purpose State Govt. has no other option.

It is further made clear by the user agency that Himachal  
Pradesh being a Hill State, the proposed site is situated in the hilly terrain  
and a large size of land would be required for setting up of the proposed  
AIIMS at Bilaspur. Considering the difficult terrain and less 'build  
ability' factor in the land, a large extent of land is left unusable due to the  
slopes and other factors. Such areas will be, in any case, used for plantation  
and development as green patches.

- ii. The revised KML file of the proposed forest land has been uploaded on  
the web portal.

- iii. The user agency has submitted that majority of the non forest land is existing on the hill side i.e above the NH which is crossing the proposed site in the middle. Hence to develop dumping sites on this land would have been impractical as it would have been very difficult to carry the muck upward and develop the dumping sites besides to manage it scientifically without any future threat to the proposed AIIMS.

Further remaining non-forest land which is existing below the NH is mainly flat and among the best land suitable for the construction activity hence the main structure of the Multispecialty Hospital is proposed on it and to develop a dumping site in the middle of the Campus in a slopy terrain would have been equally unscientific.

Hence the dumping sites are proposed in the end <sup>of</sup> valley side corners of the Forest land. The non forest land available at the sites were not suitable for this purpose on the basis of aforementioned reasons. Moreover the slope of the non forest site is not suitable for a dumping site. A reclamation plan of the proposed dumping sites has been prepared and the land used for dumping sites will be reclaimed and used in a manner to cause minimum degradation and will be re-developed by doing re-plantation, development of open space etc.

- iv. The user agency has submitted that the next meeting will be attended by them alongwith technical experts who are involved in the site plan, design and construction of the proposed AIIMS.

Yours faithfully,

  
7.1.2019

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Copy is forwarded to the following for information:-

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2. ADM-cum-Dy. Director Admn, AIIMS,C/O ADM Office Bilaspur.
3. CF Bilaspur.
4. DFO Bilaspur

  
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