

No/. 4002

H.P. Forest Department

Dated, the- 08/01/2026

From: DCF Lahaul

To: - CF Kullu.

Subject: - Diversion of 2.0435 of forest land in favour of Directorate of Technical Educational, Vocational & Industrial Training Sunder Nagar for the construction of Polytechnic College at Udaipur, Lahaul & Spiti within the jurisdiction of Lahaul Forest Division, Distt. Lahaul & Spiti, Himachal Pradesh.

Memo:

Kindly refer to your online EDS on dated 03.01.2026 on the subject cited above.

In this context, it is intimated that the point wise reply regarding observation pointed out by your office in the above case is submitted as under:-

Sr. No.	Observation	Reply
1	Since this is a non-site specific project, as per Para 1.10 of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, MoEF&CC, the State Government may scrutinize the alternatives in more details and must give complete justification establishing its inescapability for locating the project in forest area at designated column D (i). Further, explored alternatives showing details of tree enumeration, area etc. with reason of rejection/acceptance may be provided.	Due to the hilly terrain the land holdings of local people in Himachal Pradesh is very less and they are dependent on their land for their livelihood. Moreover, Lahul & Spiti Districts of Himachal Pradesh is situated at high altitude and most of the land is desert and people are having very less land for their livelihood. Hence, there is no non forest/private land available for the said project and the patch of land identified cannot be escaped. Further, justification for alternatives examined has been attached and uploaded on the Portal in online Part-I.
2	In the instant proposal residential components i.e. {(Girl Hostel (0.315 ha) and Boys Hostel (0.315 ha)} has been proposed. Since, as per Para 1.10 of Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, MoEF&CC "Utilization of forest area for establishing industries, construction of residential colonies, institutes, rehabilitation of displaced persons, etc. are non-site-specific activities and cannot be considered on forest land as a rule. For that matter, no non-site specific proposal can be entertained for considering approval under the Van	Being a technical education institution Hostel facility to the students studying in the institution is an essential part of the project as per the norms specified by AICTE, as students from different parts of the State will be admitted in the institution after undergoing selection process as per the norms and Hostel facility is must for the students undergoing education in this technical institution. Further, the area requirement for the Hostel facility is 0.630 Ha. which is less than 1 Ha. Hence, it may be considered as site

	(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980".	specific activity. Copy of Norms attached.
3	In the document submitted for administrative approval, only Civil engineering trade has been sanctioned, however in the instant proposal (Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering) are also proposed. State Govt. shall clarify whether the proposed components have administrative approval or not? If yes, State Govt. is required to submit the fresh copy of administrative and financial approval.	There is only Civil Engineering Branch which has been approved for the Govt. Polytechnic Lahual & Spiti at Udaipur. Hence, revised Layout Plan has been attached and uploaded on the portal.
4	State Govt. shall mark the exact KML file of the proposed Diversion area in the DA area toposheet and upload the same at C (ii), Part-I.	Revised KML file with Digital Map and TOPO Sheet has been uploaded on the portal at column C(ii) in Part-I
5	State Govt. shall provide the exact distance from the nearest PAs/WLs and its ESZ from the proposed diversion area duly authenticated by DFO concerned.	Eco Sensitive Zone Certificate has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail
6	State Govt shall provide the Detailed and Factual Joint Site Inspection Report (JSIR), duly authenticated from the Authorities present during the JSIR	Revised Joint Inspection report has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail
7	The proposed diversion area is proposed on hilly terrain and also proposal involves felling of large no. of tree felling, which may cause landslide/soil erosion in and nearby areas of proposed diversion area. 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 as per para-1.22 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.	Various mitigation measures will be adopted to arrest the soil erosion during and after the execution of the work. Undertaking for mitigation measures to be adopted has been uploaded on the portal. Further, the cost of SMCP will be paid as per the guidelines of MoEF&CC i.e. 0.5% of the total project cost will be paid towards cost of SMCP and undertaking for the same has been uploaded on the portal.
8	State Govt. shall mark all the components as mentioned in the component wise breakup Sr. No-3, Part-I in the polygon form in the KML file (with legend in distinct colours) and area of each component should be similar to the area mentioned in B2.4.	Revised KML file in polygon form with each component marked on it has been uploaded on the portal.
9	State Govt. shall provide/upload the undertakings from IPH, HPSEB/HPTCL, HPPWD/ NHAI/BRO duly authenticated by concerned competent authority.	The NoC from HPSEB/HPTCL, HPPWD/NHAI/BRO duly authenticated by concerned competent authority has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail.
10	State Govt. has submitted layout in which 2 patches of the college has been proposed, however as per the KML only one patch has been marked. State Govt shall provide the detailed and legible Scale Layout plan & structural design (length/width/height etc.) with detailed components in distinct colours with area proposed for each components in layout.	Revised KML file and Layout Plan with all the components has been uploaded on the portal.

	Same shall be duly authenticated by DFO concerned.	
11	State Govt. may provide the details of purpose wise and component wise khasra No. for all the components in forest land may be provided.	Details of purpose wise and component wise Khasra No. for all the components has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail.
12	Large numbers of trees and sapling (Total 392 no.) including ecologically and economically important species of (Salix Tratrasperma, Cedrus Deodar, Pinus Wallichiana) are proposed for felling. Therefore, possibility of reducing the numbers of trees to be affected may be explored or rationalization to be done in the layout of the proposal to reduce green felling.	Needful has been done and the same has been uploaded in portal.
13	In the Part-II, Sr. No-8 (i) details of wildlife present is mentioned "Snow leopard, Ibex". etc. Therefore, the State Govt. may submit the detailed Wildlife Management Plan as per para-1.22 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for their conservation and protection/passage plan. Also, update the details in Sr. No-8 (v).	Needful has been done. The undertaking regarding WLMP which is duly received from UA has been uploaded on PARIVESH Portal.
14	State Govt Shall provide the certificate of non-availability of NFL from Chief Secretary for proposing DFL under special provision Para 2.2 (iv) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, MoEF&CC.	Needful has been done.

This is for favour of your kind information and further necessary action at your end please.




Deputy Conservator of Forest
Lahaul Forest Division at Keylong.

Encl. As above.

JUSTIFICATION AGAINST POINT No.-1

This is submitted that due to the hilly terrain the land holdings of local people in Himachal Pradesh is very less and they are dependent on their land for their livelihood. Moreover, Lahaul & Spiti Districts of Himachal Pradesh is situated at high altitude and most of the land is desert and people are having very less land for their livelihood. Hence, there is no non-forest/private land available for the said project and the patch of land identified cannot be escaped. Further, justification for alternatives examined has been attached and uploaded on the Portal in online Part-I.


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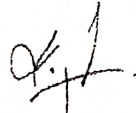
JUSTIFICATION FOR ALTERNATIVES EXAMINED

It is certified that the **2.0435 hectares** of forest land proposed to be diverted is inescapable and barest minimum. It is further certified that no suitable non-forest land is available for the diversion of proposed **C/O Govt. Polytechnic Lahaul & Spiti at Udaipur (H.P.)**

During the course of finalization of project land to be diverted, three alternatives were examined and there is no scope of any land available in any alternative except forest land **2.0435 Hect.**

Detail of Alternative Examined

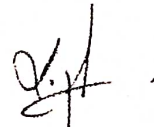
Sr. No.	Alternate Examined	Reason for Selection/Rejection
1.	Alternate-I	Selected, due to most feasible and suitable site as per the requirement of the project.
2.	Alternate-II	Rejected, due to more number of trees coming in the alignment of the project.
3.	Alternate-III	Rejected, due to slopey site and more vulnerable to soil erosion/land slide and not as per the specification of the project.


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**UNDERTAKING FOR MITIGATION MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED
AND COST OF SMCP**

This is submitted that various mitigation measures (i.e. R/Wall, B/Wall and doing plantation along the boundary of the proposed site) will be adopted to arrest the soil erosion during and after the execution of the work.

Further, the cost of SMCP will be paid as per the guidelines of MoEF&CC i.e. 0.5% of the total project cost will be paid towards cost of SMCP for the said project.




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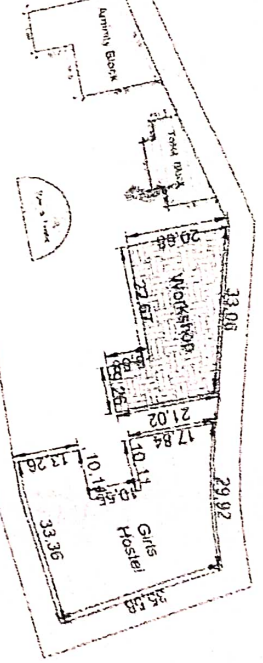
JUSTIFICATION AGAINST POINT No.-2

This is submitted that being a technical education institution Hostel facility to the students studying in the institution is an essential part of the project as per the norms specified by AICTE, as students from different parts of the State will be admitted in the institution after undergoing selection process as per the norms and Hostel facility is must for the students undergoing education in the institution. Further, the area requirement for the Hostel facility is 0.630 Ha. which is less than 1 Ha. Hence, it may be considered as site specific activity.

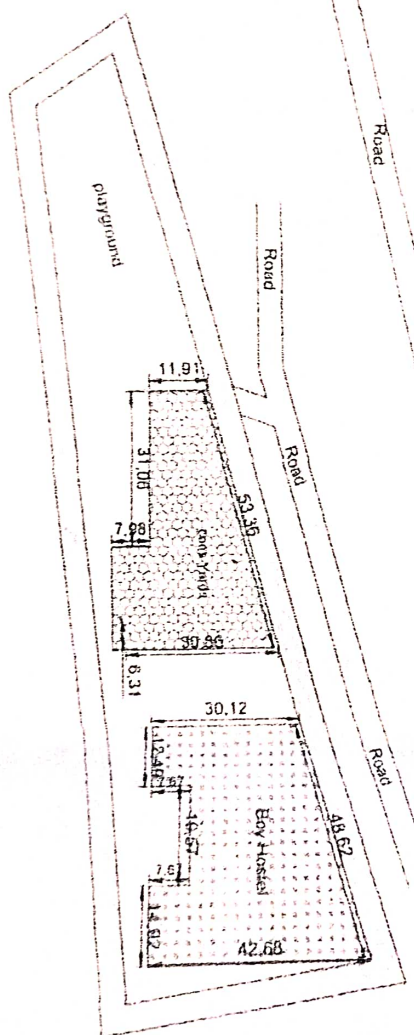

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Layout plan of Govt. Polytechnic College at Udaipur

PATCH-1



PATCH-2



PROJECT NAME

Layout plan of C/O- Govt.
Polytech College at Udaipur
Distt. Lahul spiti H P

Schedule of Area

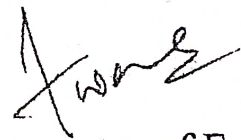
Boys hostel	-0.1559 Hac.	Office building	-0.0841 Hac.
cons yards	-0.1140 Hac.	Civil Engg. Block	-0.1325 Hac.
Playground	-0.3229 Hac.	Open Air Theatre	-0.0125 Hac.
setback Area	-0.2272 Hac.	Amity Block	-0.0325 Hac.
Total Area	-0.8200 Hac.	Toilet Block	-0.0154 Hac.
		Workshop	-0.0606 Hac.
		Grit Hostel	-0.1079 Hac.
		EcoPark	-0.0123 Hac.
		setback Area	-0.7657 Hac.
		Total Area	-1.2235 Hac.

VASTUKAR & ASSOCIATES

ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS ESTIMATOR
LANDSCAPERS INTERIOR DESIGNER
CONTRACTOR & CONSULTANTS
Principal
Govt. Polytech
Distt. Lahul & S
Sunder Nagar, I

Certificate regarding Eco Sensitive Zone

The proposed diversion area does not form part of any Wildlife National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. The areal distance of proposed construction of Govt. Polytechnic College Lahaul & Spiti at Udaipur from Eco Sensitive Zone of Chandertal Wild Life Sanctuary is about 50km. So construction site is outside of Eco-Sensitive zone.




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at Keylong

NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE

Certified that this Department has no objection, if the Govt. land bearing Khasra No.24/12/01 measuring 15-02-00 Bigha and Khasra No.8/1 measuring 10-03-00 Bigha (Total Land 25-05-00 Bigha/2-04-34 Hact.) is transferred in favour of the Technical Department for construction/establishment of Govt. Polytechnic Institution at Udaipur.

Dated 30-03-2024


**Executive Engineer
Chenab Valley Division,
HPPWD, Udaipur**

Annexure: I

Norms and Requirements

Appendix 3

Norms for Intake & Number of Courses / Divisions in the Technical Institutions Post Graduate Degree and Post Graduate Diploma Level

	Intake per division without foreign collaboration	PG divisions without foreign collaboration	Total without foreign collaboration	Intake per Division with Foreign collaboration / Twinning
MCA	60	3	180	60
Management	60	3	180	60
Engineering & Technology	30*	6	180	30
Pharmacy	30*	6	180	30
Architecture & Town Planning	30*	6	180	30
Applied Arts & Crafts	30*	6	180	30
HMCT	30*	6	180	30

- Out of the two divisions allotted in Post Graduate and Post Diploma level, one shall be of "Cyber Security" or Cyber Security related courses in Computer / IT branches of Engineering / Technology.
- Minimum of 18 seats in steps of 6 up to Maximum 24
- Additional 6 seats above 24 seats if the course is accredited.
- New Course with Intake less than 18 shall not be approved. However, existing Courses where approved intake is less than 18 may continue with existing Intake.

3.4 Private Limited or Public Limited Company/Industry Establishing Diploma or Under Graduate or Post Graduate Institute

	Intake Division	per	Maximum number of UG courses & / or divisions allowed in the new Institution (Single shift working)
			Division/s
Engineering & Technology	60		10
Pharmacy	60		6
Architecture & Town Planning	60		6
Applied Arts & Crafts	60		6
HMCT	60		6

a	New Technical Institution in Engineering & Technology, Pharmacy, Architecture & Town Planning, and HMCT established by a Private Limited or Public Limited Company/Industry having turnover of at least Rs
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	100 Cr per year for previous 3 years shall be eligible for application and granted approval for intake as above following due procedure as per Approval Process Handbook.
b	The Institute setup by such a Private Limited or Public Limited Company/Industry shall be governed by the rules as in Chapter 1
c	Private Limited or Public Limited Company/Industry Establishing Diploma or Under Graduate or Post Graduate Institute may choose any course from the approved list of any size as intake not exceeding maximum as above and in any combination in the same program.

Appendix 4

Norms for Land requirement and Building Space for Technical Institution

4.1 Land Requirements for Technical Institutions

	Land Area requirement in Acres			Rural Places as defined by Competent Authority		
	Other than Rural places (Competent Authority to certify that the place is not located in a rural area)					
	UG Programs	Diploma	Stand alone Post Graduate Programs	UG Programs	Diploma	Stand alone Post Graduate Programs
Engineering & Technology	2.50	1.50	2.5	10.0	5.00	10.0
Pharmacy	0.75	0.75	0.75	2.00	2.00	2.00
Architecture & Town Planning	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.50	2.50	2.50
Applied Arts & Crafts	0.75	0.75	0.75	2.00	2.00	2.00
HMCT	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.50	2.50	2.50
MCA	--	--	0.50	--	--	1.50
Management	--	--	0.50	--	--	1.00

4.1.1	a	Land area shall cover hostel facilities, if any
	b	Land shall be in one continuous piece.
	c	Considering hilly nature of land in North Eastern States, land may be made available in 3 pieces which are not away from each other by more than 1 Km

4.2 Built-up Area Requirements

4.2	a	The Institution area is divided in, Instructional area (INA, carpet area in sq. m.), Administrative area (ADA, carpet area in sq. m.), Amenities area (AMA, carpet area in sq. m.).
	b	Circulation area (CIA) is equal to $0.25 \times (INA+ADA+AMA)$.
	c	Total built up area in sq. m. is equal to $(INA+ADA+AMA) + (CIA)$.

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Amenities Area (Carpet Area) in sqm

1	* Estimated total area for Technical Campus having more than one Program
2	^s Estimated total area for Technical Campus having one Program

Circulation Area is _____

4.2.4	a	Circulation area of 25% of sum of Instructional, Administrative and Amenities area is desired covering common walk ways, staircases, entrance lobby
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JOINT INSPECTION REPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. POLYTECHNIC AT UDAIPUR, DISTT. LAHAUL & SPITI HIMACHAL PRADESH.

Joint Inspection of the site for diversion of 2.0435 Ha. of forest land for Construction of Polytechnic at Udaipur, Distt. Lahaul & Spiti H.P. has been conducted on dated 11.08.2025.

The joint inspection committee examined the said forest area demanded for the construction of project components viz. Govt. Polytechnic and observed that:

- (i) Barest minimum Forest Land is proposed to be used for Project Construction.
- (ii) There is no archeological monument or defense establishment site.
- (iii) There will no danger to rare and endangered species of Flora & Fauna.

Total forest land involved in this project is 2.0435 ha. However all efforts has been made to minimize the use of forest land but there is no scope of avoidance of the said land and diversion of 2.0435 ha. of forest land is bare minimum and cannot be avoided and there is no non-forest land available in the region for the said project.

The Deputy conservator of Forests, Keylong, Distt. Lahul & Spiti H.P. and Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) have raised the concern about the involvement of large number of felling of trees/sapling in the forest land under Khasra No. 24/12/1 in Muhal DPF, Fatghar, Udaipur and directions were issued to Revenue Department and Department of Technical Education through Principal Govt. Polytechnic College Udaipur to explore the alternate sites located within the jurisdiction of Udaipur or to change layout plan of various building blocks by adopting vertical construction practices, so that there is lesser felling of trees/saplings. The Joint Inspection Committee under the Chairmanship of SDM Udaipur visited the existing site at Udaipur and also inspected two alternative sites as per below detail:

Sr. No.	Site Examined	Remarks
1.	Site-I:- Near to village Madgran, Udaipur, Distt. Lahul & Spiti H.P.	The Joint inspection team examined the site and found that there is no road access for the site. The area of the land also does not fulfill the minimum land requirement (20 Bighas) as per land norms of All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE). Hence the said site was not found suitable and feasible for the construction of Polytechnic Building.
2.	Site-II:- Near to village Kukumseri, Udaipur Distt. Lahul & Spiti H.P.	The area of the land was not found sufficient for the construction of Polytechnic buildings as per land norms of AICTE. The site was covered with large number of trees/sapling. Hence, the above mentioned site was also not found feasible.


Since both the alternate sites were not found suitable and feasible as per requirement of the project and were rejected by the Joint Inspection Committee.


Detail of selected patch of land is as below:-

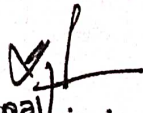
Sr. No.	District	Division	Mohal/Village/Range	Khasra Number	Area in Ha.	Classification of Land as per Revenue Record
1.	Lahaul & Spiti	Keylong	DPF, Fatghar, Udaipur	24/12/1	1.2235	Jangal Mehfooja Mehdooda
2	Lahaul & Spiti	Keylong	DPF, Fatghar, Udaipur	8/1	0.8200	Jangal Mehfooja Mehdooda
				Total	2.0435	

Further, it was decided by the committee that the Layout Plan will be changed for various building blocks for already existing site and vertical construction method will be adopted in those patches of land where density of forest is on the lower side. Vertical expansion of structures (after conducting soil testing and assessing the bearing capacity of the site) may be adopted. This will reduce the overall land requirement and, consequently, minimize the number of trees to be felled and priority should be given to laying out structural requirements strictly in accordance with the sanctioned branches and approved student strength.


The Joint Inspection committee is satisfied with the land selected for **Construction of Polytechnic at Udaipur, Distt. Lahaul & Spiti H.P.** in view of bare minimum forest land use and trees felling. The Joint inspection committee therefore recommended **2.0435 ha** of Forest land and at the same time directed to Department of Technical Education Himachal Pradesh not to use this Forest Land required for the Project construction activities before prior approval of MoEF&CC, GoI under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

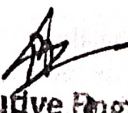

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Patwari Office - Trilokinath
S. T. Udaipur, L&S (H.P.)



Instructor Motor Mechanic
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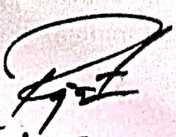

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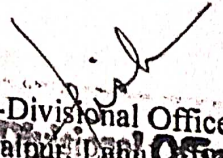

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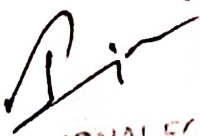

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Asstt. Engineer
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Sub-Divisional Officer (C)
Udaipur District School


DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
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Name of Proposal : Diversion of 2.0435 ha. of forest land in favour of Director of Technical Education Vocational & Industrial Training Sundernagar Distt. Mandi (H.P) for the construction of Govt. Polytechnic Lahaul & Spiti at Udaipur Distt. Lahaul & Spiti H.P. within the jurisdiction of Lahaul Forest Division Distt. Lahaul&Spiti.

Online Proposal No.:- FP/HP/Other/ 43001/2019

Undertaking to Deposit the Cost of WLMP

I, Principal, Govt. Polytechnic Lahaul & Spiti at Udaipur Distt. Lahaul & Spiti H.P. do hereby undertake that the cost of Wild Life Management Plan (WLMP), if required, will be paid by the department of Technical Education as per the latest guidelines of MoEF&CC after getting Stage-I/In-Principal Approval for the C/o Govt. Polytechnic Lahaul & Spiti at Udaipur, Distt. Lahaul & Spiti, within the jurisdiction of Lahaul Forest Division Distt. Lahaul & Spiti.


Principal

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