

No.Ft. 48-3991/2020(FCA),
Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh.

From: Nodal Officer-cum-Addl.Pr.CCF (FCA)
O/o Pr.CCF, HP Shimla-1.

To: The Regional Officer,
Integrated Regional Office,
Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
CGO Complex, Shivalik Khad, Longwood, Shimla,
Himachal Pradesh-171001.

Dated Shimla-1, the

10 AUG 2021

Subject: **Diversion of 0.405 hectare of forest land in favour of Directorate of Transport Himachal Pradesh for the construction of Bus Stand at Luhri, within the jurisdiction of Ani at Luhri Forest Division, Distt. Kullu, Himachal Pradesh. (Online No. FP/HP/Others/42175/2019)**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No. 8B/HP/09/46/2021/FC/67 dated 04.05.2021 on the subject cited above.

2. The pointwise reply to the observations as raised vide your above referred communication is submitted as below:

1. In this regard, it is, submitted that alternatives have been explored but not found feasible. Proposed site is near by the market area. Moreover, Luhri Bus Stand is a junction of ~~more than~~ many routes (i.e. Luhri-Nither, Luhri-Dalash, Luhri-Rampur, Luhri-Ani, Luhri-Sunni, Luhri Karsog and Luhri Narkanda etc. Luhri is crowded place as people from different places come to Luhri on daily basis and the location proposed for the Bus Stand Luhri suits as per the demand of the general public and cannot be shifted to any other location.
2. The CA scheme of 810 trees to be planted per hectare is enclosed herewith.
3. Road near the proposed Bus Stand has been marked in the KML file please.
4. The possibility to shift the dumping site to private land from the Govt. land has been explored on the site. The private land adjoining to the Bus Stand alignment is cultivated agriculture land and no private land is available. Local people are not ready to gift the private land for dumping site. The land holding of the public of Luhri & surrounding villagers are very limited as the area is hill and very small patches are cultivated in this hilly area. The local people are depending on the agriculture to make their both ends meet. Keeping in view of the above facts and reason, it is not possible to shift the dumping site to the private land. Hence, dumping area is the part of proposed Bus Stand area. After completion of dumping, it will be used as parking for idle buses or night parking.

Yours faithfully,

Encls: As above:

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