

No.Ft. 48-5375/2021 (FCA),
HP Forest Department,

From: Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1.

To: The Deputy Inspector General of Forest,
Incharge Sub Office, Ministry of Environment,
Forest and Climate Change, CGO Complex,
Shivalik Khand, Longwood, Shimla, HP.

Dated Shimla-1, the

Subject: Diversion of 0.4867 ha. forest land in favour of Sh. Baldev Singh
Thakur, Director Kufri Fun Campus, Shimla, for the construction of Gravity
Zip Ropeway, within the jurisdiction of Theog (Shimla) Forest Division, Distt.
Shimla, H.P. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Others/142897/2021).

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter No. FC/HPB/09/180/2022 dated 02.02.2023 on the
subject cited above.

2. In this context, CCF Shimla has informed that the only one end of the
proposed ropeway is connected by road and this road leads as ambulance road and covers a
long distance which causes heavy traffic jams in the area and ultimately increases pollution
besides the problems being faced by the locals well as tourists/pilgrims. Other end of the
proposed ropeway is not connected by any road and the road being observed in the KML file
is in fact a mule path.

It has further been informed that this area receives heavy snowfall. Due to
existing steep slope, road cannot be used and during such situations also, the zip-ropeway can
be provide an effective mode of transportation. As per the conditions of the Ministry, the
lowest point of the proposed zip-ropeway is 5 meters above the tree line. Moreover, User
Agency has replied that they have already increased the height of the proposed structure so
that more trees can be saved which will certainly reduce the number of trees proposed for
felling from 33 to 16 trees only.

The Ministry has conveyed vide the aforesaid letter that the forest area under
the terminal stations and intermediate line towers shall be considered for diversion under the
provisions of FCA, 1980. As far as the proposed project is considered only one tower i.e. the
starting point at Mahasu Peak is proposed to be constructed on forest land and the other tower
is proposed over private land i.e. KFC helipad.

It is a Gravity Zip Ropeway that can work with suitable slope and alignment.
As per the report of the CCF, the forest land involved in the project is the minimum and there
is no alternate suitable private/ non-forest land available that can be used in place of forest
land. All the land surrounding the starting tower is forest land (RF) which is unavoidable.

This is for favour of your information and further action please.

Yours faithfully,

Encls. As above.

Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA)
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From: CCF Shimla To: Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA)
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Memo,

Kindly refer to your office letter no. 48-5375/2021 (FCA) dated 02.12.2023 on the subject cited above.

In this context, DFO Theog has submitted that the spot has been inspected on dated 03.05.2024 and it has been verified that neither any encroachment nor any work in violation to the provision of FCA, 1980 has been done by the user agency on spot. However, while checking of trees required to be felled, it was observed that there was some variation in classes and species of few cutting trees which has been rectified and the enumeration list of trees to be felled is hereby revised and uploaded against additional information of part-II accordingly. (Copy Attached).

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

DFO (HQ)
O/o CCF Shimla.



Himachal Pradesh Forest Department
Theog Forest Division, Theog

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From: DFO Theog

To: CCF (T) Shimla

Subject: -

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Sir,

Kindly refer to the EDS dated 06.12.2023 on the subject cited above.

In this context, it is submitted here that the spot has been inspected on dated 03.05.2024 and it has been verified that neither any encroachment nor any work in violation to the provision of FCA, 1980 has been done by the user agency on spot. However, while checking of trees required to be felled, it was observed that there was some variation in classes and species of few cutting trees which has been rectified and the enumeration list of trees to be felled is hereby revised and uploaded against additional information of part-II accordingly.

Therefore, the case is recommended and submitted herewith for favour of necessary consideration and approval please.

Divisional Forest Officer,
Theog Forest Division, Theog

Signed by Manish Rampal
Date: 13-05-2024 11:55:12

Manish Rampal