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From:- Conservator of Forests
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To: Nodal Officer –cum-APCCF (FCA)
 O/o Pr. CCF, H.P, Shimla-1

Subject:- **Diversion of 4.6092 ha. of forest land in favour of HPPWD, for the construction of link road Dhurasapar to Purkhera (Portion Kutpayana to Purkhara (Kms 4/040 to 11/540) within the jurisdiction of Dalhousie Forest Division District Chamba, HP (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Road/48439/2020).**

Memo:

Kindly refer to IRO letter No. I/11148/2022 dated 18-10-2022 on the subject cited above.

The observation as raised vide letter under reference have been attended by DFO Dalhousie and User Agency as under:-

Sr. No	Observation	Reply
1	Part-1, A -3 (xvii), the name mentioned in the authorization letter does not match the details of the person making the application.	User agency has submitted that the Engineer-in-Chief who is the competent authority has authorized all the Executive Engineers of HPPWD Divisions in all over the state for making applications on behalf of user agency for seeking the necessary approvals on PARIVESH portal. The authorization letter is uploaded in Part-1 (A-3).
2	As per Part –II, Para -5, the Working Plan prescription for the part of forest land proposed for diversion is 'Protection Working Circle'. Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition No 202/1995 T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad Vs. Union of India and Others in its Judgement vide Interlocutory Application No. 3840 dated 11 March 2019 has ordered that '...There shall be no diversion of the forest lands allotted to a Protection Working Circle in any Working Plan under FRA and FCA...' Therefore, State Govt. may review the same.	In reply to this observation, DFO Dalhousie has submitted that requirement of permission from Hon'ble Supreme Court for diversion in Protection working circle revoked by order dated 8-02-2023.
3	Since it is submitted by the State Govt. that the diversion of 1.7086 ha forest land has been accorded approval by the Central Government vide letter No. 9-HPB078/2009-CHA/6983	User agency has submitted that correct KML of the already approved case has been superimposed on the proposed



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	dated 12.04.2009. Therefore, KML of the alignment of the already approved case may be superimposed on the proposed alignment of the extant proposal in distinct colors, and the same may be uploaded under the appropriate column of the online portal.	alignment in distinct colours and also uploaded against additional information Part-I.
4	KML of the proposed site and as per the detail note of the project reveals that already a footpath from KM.4/040 to 11/540 was constructed, which is further required to be new construction as a motorable road. However, as per the Site Inspection Report, no violation has been reported by the concerned DFO. Therefore clarification/justification regarding the same may be provided:- i. A fresh Site Inspection report and Joint Inspection report for the instant proposal. ii. The date/year of violation may be provided. iii. The Action Taken Report against the violators as per Para 1.21 (i) and/ or (ii) of FCA Guidelines may be submitted/ uploaded in the portal. iv. Action taken by the State Government against the officials concerned for not being able to prevent the use of forest land for non-forestry purpose without pri or approval of Govt. of India. v. Current Status of the violation, whether continuing or stopped.	In reply to this observation, point no. (i) to (iv) DFO Dalhousie has submitted that no Violation has been done by User agecny therefore no action has been initiated against anyone.
5	Administrative Approval of the project from the competent authority needs to be provided	User agency has submitted that Administrative approval from competent authority is uploaded as additional information in Part-1.
6	A fresh KML of the instant proposal may be provided in the polygon of the diversion area along the Forest and Non-Forest area in a distinct colour.	In reply to this observation, it is submitted that fresh Kml showing forest land, non-forest land and dumping sites in distinct colours in polygon shape for the proposed alignment is uploaded at C (b) Part-I.
7	The layout plan must include a legend and the proper dimensions of each component, such as Carriageway, Paved Shoulder, Earth Filling, Drain, and Protection Work, as well as an area-wise calculation. Furthermore, the forest land and non-forest land involved in the proposal must be represented in the layout plan with distinct colors and need to be duly	Layout plan showing forest land, non- forest land and dumping sites in distinct colours is uploaded as additional information in PART- 1. Also, Cross section showing the width of road, width of shoulder etc is uploaded as additional information in Part-1



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	authenticated by the concerned DFO may be provided	
8	NoC/Sale deed/Gift deeds for non-forest land acquired from private individuals are required to be submitted.	Gift deeds of private land owners are uploaded as additional information in Part-1.
9	The diversion area is in hilly terrain, and large numbers of trees will be affected; hence soil erosion is inevitable. Therefore, The Soil Moisture Conservation Plan (SMC), along with its cost of implementation as per MoEF&CC dated 07.06.2022, may be provided/uploaded.	Certified that during the execution period of the proposed road i.e. Construction of link road from Dhurasapar to Purkhara Km 4/040 to 11/540 retaining structures such as retaining walls and breast walls in Concrete as well as in wire crates (gabion walls) will be constructed in the areas where land slide/ soil erosion is likely to occur. Also, Longitudinal drains and cross water drains (Hume pipe culverts, slab culverts and solid causeways) will be constructed for proper channelization of rain water which will reduce chances of soil erosion. And after the construction period labour and machinery will be deployed for maintenance of longitudinal drains and well as Cross drainage structures. Certificate in this regard & undertaking for soil and moisture conservation plan is uploaded as additional information in Part I and soil and moisture conservation plan as per MoEF & CC dated 07.06.2022 is uploaded against additional information Part-II.
10	Proposed RoW of the Road is not provided. Therefore State Govt may clarify whether the proposed RoW has been planned to meet the provision of IRC codes for Hill State. If Yes, details thereof.	In reply to this observation, it is submitted that in Rural roads as per IRC 48 (hill road manual) in straight portion road way width is required 5.20mtrs (3.00 mtrs c/way, 1.00 meters shoulders on both sides, 0.60 meters for parapets and 0.60 meters for hillside drain) in straight portions and up to 7.00 meters in curves after providing extra widening. Copy of hill road cross section showing in figure 6.1 of IRC: SP:48 and width specifications as per table 6.5 of



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		IRC SP 48. Copy of the same is uploaded as additional information in Part-1.
11	All the dumping sites are proposed on forest land. The State Government may explore non-forest land for the same. If a dumping site is necessarily required to be proposed in forest land, the area of forest land with minimum forest cover may be explored, and muck dumping shall be reduced. Further, a separate enumeration list of trees for the dumping site may be provided.	In reply to this observation, it is submitted that no other non-forest land is available for muck dumping purpose as local people of the area have very less agricultural lands. So, the dumping sites are necessarily required to be proposed in forest lands. Also, it is added that in both the dumping sites no trees are present.
12	A document showing the capacity of muck dumping sites, muck to be dumped, and balance capacity in tabulated form, along with a reclamation plan of the area with financial implications duly authenticated by DFO, may be provided.	Muck management plan along with the reclamation plan duly authenticated by the undersigned is uploaded as additional information in Part-1.
13	As per the DSS analysis, the Proposed DA is 4.6092 ha however, the calculated area is 1.61 ha. Therefore, 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.	Revised Kml, showing correct diversion area i.e. 4.6092 hectare has now been uploaded at C (b) Part-I.
14	Since the proposed alignment passes through Nallah/Rivulet, the State Govt. may clarify whether there is any Provision for a Bridge or Other Components. If yes, the same may be incorporated in Part-I, B. 2.4 (Component wise break up). Further, State Govt Must ensures conserving such natural springs and perennial sources of water need to be properly considered and measure for conserving the same.	In reply to this observation, it is intimated that the road will pass through the small streams/Nallahs which will not require construction of major bridges. At these locations small Hume pipe culverts/ Slab culverts/ Solid Causeways will be provided. Undertaking in this regard is uploaded as additional information in Part-1.
15	As per the Site Inspection report of the concerned Conservator of Forest, 349 trees were proposed to be felled. However, as per the information provided by the concerned DFO under column 4 (ii) of Part-II online mentioned 416, there are contradictions in girth-wise details. Therefore, State Govt. Complete the enumeration list of trees, including the compartment no and the date of	In reply to this observation, revised trees enumeration list with reduced number of trees (353 Trees and 11 Sappling total 364) is uploaded in additional information Part-II and updated at online portal Sr No 4 (II) Part-II



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	tree enumeration, which is duly authenticated by the concerned DFO.	
16	(i) As per DSS analysis, the proposed area for CA is found to have VDF of 1 ha and MDF of 3 ha, which leaves only 5.2184 ha for restocking. Therefore, State Govt. may look for additional/alternate CA sites. Further, State Govt. may review and submit documentation regarding the suitability of land for CA in lieu of forest land proposed for diversion in terms of its vicinity to the area being proposed for DA and/or contiguity with the existing forest area and also ensure the manageability as per the latest Guidelines of MoEF & CC vide letter No. 11-423/2011-FC dated 13.07.2022. (ii) A fresh CA scheme needs to be provided as per Para 2.8 (iii) of the Handbook OF FCA, 1980 and FC Rules, 2003 (Guidelines and Clarifications), MoEF&CC, 2019 (iii) The Status of Proposed CA land may be provided, whether it is a Govt. Wasteland is declared as PF under HP Govt. notification, 1952, or it is notified as UPF/DPF under IFA 1927.	(1) A fresh CA area proposed and kml file uploaded at Sr.No 13 (i) Part-II. (ii) A fresh CA scheme has been uploaded at Sr. No 13 (ii) of Part-II. (iii) CA land bank is Degraded forest land and notified as DPF under IFA 1927. Land Suitability Certificate is uploaded in appropriate column in part-II.
17	In Part II, column – 14, the District profile and geographical area are incorrect. Needful may be done in this regard.	District profile and geographical area has been updated at Column No. 14 Part-II.

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

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Copy is forwarded to DFO Dalhousie with reference to his office Memo. No. RK/Misc/1987 dated 05-06-2026 and online reply on dated 11-06-2026 for information please.

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