

No. FCA/ 193/cf
H.P Forest Department.

Dated Chopal, the

11-04-2022

From: - DFO Chopal.

To: - CCF (T) Shimla.

Subject: -

Diversion of 0.2803 ha of forest land in favour of Revenue Department, Directorate of land Record Shimla, HP for the construction of Tehsil Office Building at Kupvi, within the Jurisdiction of Chopal Forest Division, District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No.FP/HP/Others/145487/2022).

Sir,

Kindly refer to Nodal Officer-cum APCCF (FCA) O/o Pr. CCF, HP, Shimla office letter No. FC/HPC/09/24/2022 dated 07.04.2022 endst to this office as well as to you and others on the subject cited above.

In this context it is submitted that the shortcomings pertains to this Division are attended as directed vide the above referred letter. The point wise reply is detailed as under:-

Sr.	Observations.	Reply.
1.	The extant proposal is a non-site specific project. As per Para 1.15 of FCA guidelines as well as recent directions from MoEFCC letter dated 24.01.2022 has categorically instructed that non-site specific activities cannot be considered on forest land as a rule. Therefore, the State Government may explore non-forest land for this project.	In Himachal Pradesh, land Holding is very less and land acquisition is not possible. Also, private land is very less around the proposed site and the patch of forest land identified for the said project is most suitable.
2.	Since this is a non-site specific project, 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. Further, explored alternatives showing details of tree enumeration, area etc, may be provided and all alternates explored is required to be marked on KML file.	The forest area identified for the said project is most feasible, as the said land in the market area is a center point for the people of Kupvi and cannot be escaped as other alternatives explored are not suitable and far away from the approach of the market.
3.	From the KML file and Layout plan it is not clear how the building will be accessed from the nearby road. If a road is already present accessing the proposed building from nearby main road, status of the same may be provided.	The proposed site comprises land khasra no.131 measuring 00-28-03 hectare will be accessible through nearby road comprising khasra no. 132 measuring 00-01-58 hectare which is recorded in ownership of Govt. of Himachal Pradesh and in possession of public works department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh as per missal

		hakiyat/jamabandi of mohal Hida khas for the year 2011-12.
4.	Boundary of proposed diversion shown in Layout plan is not matching with the boundary shown in KML file. Further, the boundary of diversion area shall be exactly of same shape as shown in layout plan. Needful may be done regarding the same.	Revised KML has been uploaded in MoEF Portal.
5.	From KML file it is observed that some permanent structure are present inside the boundary of proposed diversion. The State Government may clarify about this structure.	Revised KML has been uploaded in MoEF Portal.
6.	From layout plan it is observed that large portion of the diversion area has been kept as set back area which must be reduced. The revised layout plan may be uploaded.	Needful has been done.
7.	It has been observed in KML file that the proposed building can be realigned to reduce the number of trees to be felled. Further, possibility to reduce the number of trees to be affected may be explored.	As most of the trees are located around the mid point of the proposed land khasra number 131, exploring alternates to reduce the number of trees to be felled is not possible as enough space or land will not be available for the said purpose for which the diversion is requested.
8.	From DSS analysis, it is observed that aerial distance of diversion area is 7.64 km from Churdhar WLS. However, as per the certificate provided, the aerial distance of the project site from proposed ESZ of Churdhar WLS is mentioned as 10 km. The State Government may review and rectify the same.	Attached herewith.
9.	Beneficiary villages are required to be marked on KML file.	It is certified that a population of 19433 as per census 2011 of 15 panchayats under the jurisdiction of tehsil Kupvi will be benefited directly and indirectly.

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

Encls: As above.


Deputy Conservator of Forest
Chopal Forest Division, Chopal