

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

To: The Regional Officer,
Integrated Regional Office GoI, MoEF&CC,
CGO Complex, Shivalik Khand, Longwood,
Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

Dated Shimla-1, the 15 FEB 2023

Subject: **Diversion of 11.7936 ha. of forest land in favour of NHAI, for four laning of proposed Shimla bypass from Kaithlighat to Shakral Section (Package-1) of NH-22 (Chainage from Kms.128.835 to 146.300), within the jurisdiction of Shimla Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. (Online No. FP/HP/Road/151117/2022)**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No. FC/HPC/06/154/2022 dated 17.01.2023 on the subject cited proposal.

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

1. The user agency has submitted that the revised KML file has been uploaded at para C in online Part-I.
2. The user agency has uploaded the revised muck dumping plan against additional information details in online Part-I.
3. The user agency has uploaded the KML file with correct calculated area at para C in online Part-I.
4. The user agency has submitted that the NoC of concerned authority is under process will submitted, when received.
5. The user agency has submitted that the said muck disposal sites are strategic in location i.e., these area the nearest available sites near the project alignment 66% of the sites are located adjacent to the alignment. If the lead distance of the site is increased transportation of muck will damage the existing pavement due to heavy weight of plying vehicles, increase the possibility of accidents and deteriorate the air quality thus causing public inconvenience, to avoid these, only 40.84% of land is forest land as no such area is available in and around for such prupose, which has been uploaded online against additional information details in online Part-I.
6. The user agency has submitted that the there were no approved muck dumping sites in the already approved proposal, hence, additional land is proposed for muck dumping sites as part of the current forest proposal.
7. The site inspection report of CF concerned has been uploaded at para 15 in online Part-II.
8. The layout plan has been uploaded against additional information details in online Part-I.

9. The revised list of trees has been uploaded against additional information details in online Part-II.
10. DFO concerned has submitted that the no such blank area for plantation is available and the same has been authenticated by the concerned DFO.
11. DFO concerned has submitted that during the site visit 365 Nos. of trees has been reduced from the dumping site No.2, which has been uploaded against additional information details in online Part-II.
12. CCF concerned has submitted tha the as per joint inspection report selection of the site was carried out on 17.01.2022 in revenue village shoghi, Goro Kanawn, Mauri, Raghav, Bhad, Chadau, Pujarli, Majhar, Gusan, Jalf, Mehli & Amp, Sakral. The site inspection was confined to the selection of appropriate site for dumping, the quantum of trees involved and area required was not done at that point of time. However it has been reported that the area proposed for diversion is lacking any permanent water body. The dumping site is located at UPF 218 Goro with three perennial streams (Seasonal) and no such water body of permanent nature is involved in the instant case.
13. CCF concerned has submitted that efforts have been made to identify the appropriate CA site in the vicinity of the prposed area for diversion and it is further submitted that no such area is available for CA for the instant case. Further the requisite area has been provided by DFO Theog and it has been reported that the patch selected for CA land has got cross verified through RO Kotkhai where he has reported the site as degraded forest land and does not belong to median forest land. Further CCF concerned has reported that a small patch is having bushes which probably seem to be planted but these bushes will be removed during preparatory works of plantation. CA scheme has been uploaded at para 13 in online Part-II.

Yours faithfully,


Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA)
O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF), H.P.