

Dated, the Shimla-02 15-6-2023

From:

CF Shimla

To: Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF FCA)
O/o Pr.CCF (HoFF) HP, Shimla

Subject:

Diversion of 5.4794 ha. forest land for the C/o I link road Drawal Jaishi, Tehsil Suni District Shimla HP in favour of Executive Engineer HPPWD Rural Division Dhami with in jurisdiction of Shimla Forest Division Shimla (Online File No.FP/HP/ROAD/143552/2021).

Memo,

Kindly refer to GoI memo No.FC/HPC/65/2023 Dated 25th may 2023 on the subject cited above.

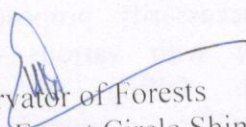
Point wise reply of the observation raised by the GoI is given as under:-

Sr	Observation	Reply
1	In reference to the subject cited supra, it is to inform that as per the KML file of proposed alignment Drawal and Jaishi villages are already connected to road. The proposed alignment from coordinates N31 14 1.0 E77 14 12.94 to N31 14.09.05 E77 13 36.80 is also not justifiable as area is already having existing road and unnecessarily proposed in forest land with various curves/bends with felling of 311 trees. Therefore, proposed alignment is required to be reviewed and revised accordingly.	DFO Shimla has submitted that 5.4794 ha of Forest land is required by the HPPWD for the construction of link road from Drawl to Jaishi km 0/00 to 7/965, mostly to be part of Forest land coming in the proposed alignment of the road. It is true that the revenue villages Drawl and Jaishi are already partly connected from road but most of the sub villages under revenue village Drawl & Jaishi including revenue village Granwo & Saal are still not connected through motorable road. The road shown in the KML is jeepable which has been constructed by the local people in their private land to partly connect the village Granwo. Further no such traffic is plying on this road due to very steep gradient, narrow width in most of the stretches and thus could not be improved up to the motorable standard as per IRC norms. Also this road remains blocked due to heavy landslide during the rainy season. All alternative proposals have been explored at site from Geo-coordinates lat. 31.14'15.05"N long. 77.14'12.94' E to lat. 31.14'09.050"N long. 77.13'36.80'E to minimise the Forest land & felling of trees to be affected for construction of the proposed road because the change affect the willingness of the owners to surrender their land which is coming in the alignment of this road, thus left with very less chunk of land in their possession and the people belongs to economically weaker sections which is impacting the donation of extra land for construction of this road. However, the villages have already donated 0.3299 hectare of their land for the construction of the proposed road after convincing them by the HPPWD. The villagers faces various problems as

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they have to take uphill to reach their village and is very difficult for them to transport their essential commodities up to their villages due to the absence of motorable road, especially in view of rugged terrain and steep slopes. The villagers have to rush at least 28.00 km extra to reach end point by road from other side especially for cremation because the cremation point of all these villagers are located nearby Satluj River at village Jaishi. Line plan showing the road distance has been uploaded by the User Agency in the additional information details as "reply of observation RO office dt 25 May, 2023" in the online part-I at page No. 3 in the pdf attached. At present in the absence of motorable road, the people of those villages are facing great difficulties in carrying their cash crops in time to the market. They have to pay huge amounts because of manual/mule carriage of cash crops and essential commodities, the local product can't be sent to the market well in time and the villagers cannot get the proper values of their crops with the result, the people of the said area are still lying in the marginal groups. Hence, the link road to these villages has been proposed. Keeping in view the facts narrated above, the proposed alignment has been found to be the most suitable alignment to connect the villages Drawl Saal Granwo & Jaishi with the motorable road facility. Copy of the proposal passed in the Gram Panchayat, Karyali on 5 th June, 2023 for the construction of the said road has also been uploaded under additional information details in the online part-II, please.

This is for favour of kind information and necessary action please.


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