

No. 2558
H.P. Forest Department.

Dated Rampur, the 15-9-2025

From: C. F. Rampur.

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

Subject:-

Diversion of 0.3534 ha (now 0.1820 ha) of forest land in favour of Directorate of Transport of HP for construction of Bus Stand Nankhari, Tehsil Rampur, Distt. Shimla HP within the jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division, Distt. Shimla HP. Online Proposal No. FP/HP/OTHERS/148085/2021.

Memo.

Kindly refer to GoI letter No. 1/95337/2025 dated 29.01.2025 on the subject

cited above.

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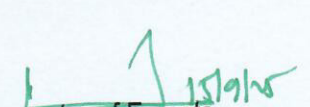
The reply to the observation raised by GOI is furnished as under:-

Sl. No.	EDS/observation	Reply
1	The proposal is for diversion of 0.3534 ha of protected forest land for construction of bus stand with enumeration of 72 Deodar trees. In view of the guidelines Para 1.10, it is requested to kindly explore non forest land for the purpose	DCF Rampur has intimated that efforts were made to explore the possibilities for establishing the project over non-forest land. However, no non-forest land is available for the said project. The reasons, which have also been spelled out in the site specificity report of the DCF Rampur (uploaded as additional information at Sr. No. 16 of Part-II) & include; i) The Notification No. Ft.29-241/B/B/49 Dated 25.02.1952 which declares all wastelands as deemed protected forests in the state of Himachal Pradesh. Due to this reason, there is no other non-forest land available which can be used for the present project. 2) The fact of non-availability of non-forest land has also been certified by Deputy Commissioner, Shimla vide letter No. SML-SR57/2020-81 Dated 28.01.2021 (uploaded as additional information at Sr. 3 of Part-I). However, to offset the ecological concerns raised in

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		the EDS, the user agency has further reduced the area proposed for diversion for the construction of the Bus Stand at Nankhari from 0.3534 ha to 0.1820 ha & subsequently enumeration of trees has also been reduced from 72 to 34. This much area is the minimum required to carry out a viable project.
2.	In view of the guidelines dated 29.4.2024, justification submitted by the State Govt. for construction of bus stand with enumeration of 72 Deodar trees and alternatives examined not found justified. It is therefore requested to kindly explore non forest land or an open forest area for the purpose.	It is submitted that no non-forest is available for the said project for the reasons detailed in the reply to EDS 1 and as also detailed in the site-specificity report of the undersigned uploaded as additional information at Sr. 16 of Part-II. DCF Rampur has intimated that anecdotally, the vicinity of the site where the bus-stand is proposed to come up had been used as a temporary trading ground for local agricultural produce. The area is thus in the view of local people, most suitable for meeting the development needs via construction of a bus stand. To offset ecological concerns the user agency has further decreased the area of diversion from the original 0.3534 ha to 0.1820 ha. Consequently, the number of trees to be felled has also been reduced from 72 to 34 (revised enumeration list uploaded as additional information at Sr. 4 of Part-II.
3.	Provisions of budget for the construction of road is uploaded, however administrative approval is not found uploaded. It is requested to kindly upload the same.	The administrative approval has been uploaded as additional information at Sr. No. 7 of Part-I by user agency.

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


 Conservator of Forests
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