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

Subject:- **Diversion of 4.75 hectare of forest land in favour of HPPWD, for the construction of link road from Bhadela to Halan via Bhandrota (Km 0/00 to 8/300), within the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division District Chamba, HP (Online proposal No. FP/HP/Road/50711/2020.**

Memo:

Please refer to Govt. of India, MoEF & CC sub-office Shimla letter No. FC/HPB/6/55/2021 dated 21-11-2023 on the subject cited above.

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

Sr. NO	EDS/Observations	Reply to EDS
1.	(i) Regarding Point No. 1, State Govt. has submitted that the proposal mentioned at Sr. 1&3 are added twice erroneously. However, there is no change in Part-I, Para B-1, Sr. No. 3. Therefore, State Govt. may delete the entry of the area figure mentioned at Sr. No. 3 and may revise the total area figure mentioned in column of Area Proposed for diversion and Area diverted. (ii) State Govt. may submit the compliance report of Stage I (in-Principle) approval of the proposal No. FP/HP/Road/606/2010 and FP/HP/Road/25469/2017 immediately.	(i) In reply to this observation User agency has submitted that the request to the Nodal Officer-cum APCCF (FCA), Shimla has been made vide letter No. 12329-30 dated 24-11-2022 as the user agency is not able to make any changes in online Part-I, Para B-1 (Copy uploaded in additional information part-I). (ii) The Compliance report of Proposal No. FP/HP/Road 606/2010 is stand submitted to IRO Shimla Vide Nodal Office Cum APCCF (FCA) O/o Pr. CCF, HP Shimla letter no. FT.48/1923/2009 (FCA) dated 23-08-2022, and the proposal No. FP/HP/Road/25469/2017 is now approved vide IRO Shimla office letter no. 8B/HP/06/14/2020/FC-573 dated 18-11-2022.
2.	In respect of the reply submitted on the observation 3, State Govt. submitted that the forest (4.75 ha) and non-forest (0.48 ha) private land has been proposed for diversion and the same has been marked in the	User Agency has submitted that Sale/Gift deed or Affidavit made by Private landowners has been uploaded in the Parivesh Portal as additional information in Part-I



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	Line Plan, However, the Sale deed/Gift Deed or Affidavit made by the private land owners in the favour of HPPWD has not been submitted. Therefore, the same may be provided.	
3.	According to the observation 5, State Govt. Submitted that no suitable non-forest land is available for muck dumping. However, reclamation plan for the same has not been submitted. Therefore, state Govt. may submit the reclamation plan of dumping sites proposed on the forest land, duly authenticated by DFO	Reclamation plan has already been submitted with the proposal folder as check list no. 28. However, the copy of same duly authenticated by DFO has been uploaded against additional information online Part-I
4.	Regarding Point no. 6, it has been submitted that the strata of soil is quite stable and is not vulnerable to soil erosion. However, every care for soil erosion shall be considered by providing adequate protection work during the construction of the proposed road. But no action plan has provided by the State Govt. in this regard. More Over, larger numbers of trees of different species are being affected, which may cause acceleration soil erosion. Therefore, State Govt. may review and revise the proposal accordingly as per the recent directions of MoEF & CC vide letter date 7.6.2022 and may submit the Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan along-with detail cost of its implementation in to account of CAMPA is required to be deposited along-with Stage-I approval. However, in cases where it is not possible for the State Govt. to submit the compliance due to delay in preparation of such plan, a lump sum amount of 0.5 % of the project cost Shall be deposited in CAMPA	It is submitted by the User Agency that the 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 change of soil erosion. And after the construction period labor and machinery will be deployed for maintenance of longitudinal drains as well as cross drainage structures. Also Undertaking for Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan has been uploaded as additional information in Part-I



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	account prior to actual working on the forest area. An undertaking to effect may also be submitted.	
5.	In the State Govt. Forwarding letter date 19.9.2022, the length of the proposed road is mentioned 0/0 to 13/0 kms, however the proposal has been submitted for approval 0/0 to 8/300 km, which may needs to be reviewed and rectified.	In the forwarding letter the total length was wrongly mentioned. The actual length of proposal is 0/0 to 8/300 km.
6.	134 trees of different species are being affected on the forest land proposed for diversion. However, species, dia and class-wise detailed enumeration list of trees has not been provided/uploaded in the file folder nor in the Parivesh Portal. Therefore, the same may be provided/uploaded in this regard.	The details of enumeration list of tree as per species, dia and class-wise has been uploaded on the portal please.
7.	An undertaking will be submitted by the concerned DFO in this effect that no plantation has been raised on the land proposed for CA under any scheme in the past.	Requisite undertaking to this effect has been uploaded as additional information in part – II.
8.	State Govt. may upload the KML file of the proposed road in the tune of authenticated Line Plan on Parivesh Portal.	The KML file of the proposed road has been uploaded in online part-I
9.	The NPV rates has been revised by the Ministry vide letter dated 6.1.2022. Therefore, State Govt. may review and revise the NPV calculation accordingly and revised NPV calculation sheet may also be uploaded on Parivesh Portal.	NPV bill as per revised guidelines has been uploaded as additional information in part – II.
10.	As per the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, there shall be no diversion of the forest lands allotted to 'Protection Working Circle' in any Working Plan. However, Part-II, Para-5 shows that the forest land proposed for diversion falls under protection working circle. Therefore, State	In reply to this observation Divisional Forest Officer, Churah has submitted that the area of Churah Forest Division in the vicinity mostly proposed under protection working Circle in the expired working plan prepared by Sh. A.K. Gupta, IFS. However, revised working plan is under preparation please.



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	Govt. may provide the comment in this regard.	
11.	According to the proposal 4.75 ha forest area has been proposed for diversion. However, DSS analysis is calculating 1.69 ha. Therefore, the proposed forest area may needs to be reviewed and revised accordingly.	Needful done. The revised KML file has also been uploaded in online Part-I, Colum –C.

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

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Copy to:-

DFO Churah w.r.t his letter No. RK/1521 dated 14-07-2026 for information and necessary action.



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