

No.RK/Misc/ 8362
H. P. Forest Department.

Dated Dalhousie the 17-03-2026

From: - DFO Dalhousie. To: - CF Chamba

Subject: - **Proposal for diversion of 1.8086 hectare of forest land for C/O- link road From Gahar Da Ghatu to Village Lanoh Km. 0/0 to 3/510 Km within the jurisdiction of Dalhousie Forest Division, District Chamba(H.P).**

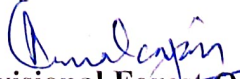
Memo:

Kindly refer to IRO Office EDS dated 31.12.2024 on the subject cited above.

The point wise reply of the observations as raised has been attended by the User Agency as well as this office and is submitted for further necessary action at your end as under:-

1	<p>Observation 1 In reply to this observation, it is submitted that no violation has been committed in respect of the construction of the jeepable road to Lanoh i.e. from Km 0/000 to 3/090, as the said road was constructed by the Forest Department, Dalhousie Forest Division, for forestry purposes under the RSVY scheme. The justification for the construction was duly recorded in the approved estimate of the road, a copy of which is enclosed and uploaded under Additional Information Part-II.</p> <p>The road was constructed during the years 2004-05 and 2006-07. The divisional records pertaining to the construction of the road have already been weeded out vide this office letter No. 159/2016-17 dated 04.08.2016, a copy of which is enclosed and uploaded under Additional Information Part-II. A</p> <p>As per the records available in the Range Office, Chowari, including the estimate and cash book, it has been found that during the year 2004-05, a jeepable road from Km 0/000 to Km 2/210 was constructed for forestry purposes, involving an expenditure of ₹5,00,000, the copy of the estimate of which is enclosed. Further, during the year 2006-07. the road was extended up to Km 3/090, with an expenditure of ₹1,50,000 and ₹50,000, totalling ₹2,00,000.</p> <p>After joint field verification conducted by the undersigned along with the user agency (HPPWD), it was confirmed that no new construction or widening has been carried out, and the existing road was found to be correct as per records. The road is visible in the KML file of 2007-08, the apparent discrepancy may be due to the fact that the satellite imagery was uploaded after the construction of the road.</p>
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	<p>The road does not find mention in the existing Working Plan of the Division (valid up to 2027), which will be revised & record will be updated accordingly. Photographs of the road showing width of road is uploaded in additional information part-I. The widening of the road is required to provide connectivity to the inhabitants of Gahar, Trimath and Lanoh.</p> <p>The copy of the joint inspection report, duly signed by the undersigned and the user agency, along with the justification, has been uploaded in Part-1, and copies of the estimates and cash book have been uploaded against Additional Information Part-II.</p>
2	<p>Observation 2: In reply to this observation, It is submitted that in the previous Joint Inspection Report submitted by the then DFO the road length constructed by the Forest Department was inadvertently mentioned as 3/510 km due to a typographical error.</p> <p>As per the verified records now retrieved from the Range level, the Forest Department actually constructed the road up to 3/090 km during the years 2004-05 and 2006-07 for forestry purposes under RSVY scheme. Necessary corrections have been made in the new Joint Inspection Report conducted by the undersigned and uploaded in Additional Information Part-I. The current proposal seeks further widening and additional construction beyond the existing 3/090 km to connect the inhabitants of Gahar, Trimath, and Lanoh which is new construction and no violation has been committed in respect of the construction of the jeepable road to Lanoh by the user agency & the road was constructed by Forest Department for forestry purpose.</p> <p>Revised Site Inspection Report conducted by the undersigned has been uploaded at Sr.No 15 Part-II.</p> <p>The previous comments from the then CF Chamba regarding the road already being constructed do not constitute a violation by the User Agency, as the construction was a departmental activity for forestry management. It may be that the then CF was not aware of the specific construction details at the time because the Divisional records had been weeded out; however, the facts have now been cross-checked with Range-level records and uploaded in Additional Information Part-II.</p> <p>The comments of CF Chamba regarding documentary evidence of the existing road submitted by the undersigned are required, as the matter pertains to the office of CF Chamba. Earlier the then CF Chamba, has mentioned that road has already been constructed which was actually constructed by the Forest Department during the year 2004-05 and 2006-07 for forestry purposes under RSVY scheme , and justification of which has been given by the then DFO in the estimate copy of which has uploaded in additional information Part-II Therefore no violation by the user agency has been done. Now the road requires further widening and additional construction upto 3/510 km on Busable Standard to connect the unconnected villages i.e, Gahar Trimath and Lanoh.</p>
3	<p>Observation No. 3 Correct DGPS maps with Lat Long as per KML file is uploaded as additional information Part-1. And revised Kml file showing forest non-forest land is uploaded at C (b) 1 of part-I.</p>


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