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From: CCF Shimla

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

Sub: Diversion of 0.9889 ha of forest land in favour of Department of Tourism Himachal Pradesh, for the construction of Helipad at Shawala, within the Jurisdiction of Chopal Forest Division, District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. (.FP/HP/Oth/102505/2020).

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No. FC/HPB/09/149/2022 dated 31.10.2022 on the subject cited above.

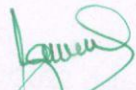
2. The point wise reply is detailed as under:-

Sr.	Observations.	Reply.
1.	The extant proposal is a non-site specific project. As per Para 1.15 of Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act (FCA) Guidelines as well as recent directions from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) letter dated 24.01.2022 has categorically instructed that non-site specific activities cannot be considered on forest land as a rule. Therefore, the State Government may explore non-forest land for this project.	User agency has submitted that the land holding in Himachal Pradesh is very less and land acquisition is not possible. The people of HP are having very less land for their livelihood. Moreover, in Chopal Town private land is very less under the ownership of private people & most of the land is forest land. The patch of land identified for the proposed project is most suitable and feasible and cannot be escaped. The undertaking for the same has been uploaded against additional information detail at Sr. No. 18 in Part-I.
2.	As per Para 1.15 of FCA Guidelines, the State Government may scrutinize the alternative sites in more details and must give complete justification establishing its inescapability for locating the project in forest area. Further, explored alternative sites showing details of tree enumeration, area etc. may be provided and all alternate sites explored is required to be marked on KML file.	Justification for alternatives explored has been uploaded on the portal against Column No. D (I) in Part-I.
3.	Legal status of proposed diversion area, whether it is a forest land as per Indian Forest Act (IFA) 1927 under the control of State Forest Department or it is a waste land declared as Protected Forest under 1952 notification of Himachal Pradesh Government, shall be clarified.	DFO Chopal has submitted that the legal status of proposed diversion area has been uploaded against additional detail column No. 10.

4.	Brief note on the proposed project is required to be uploaded in Part-I as additional document.	Brief note on the project has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail at Sr. No. 13 in part-I.
5.	From KML file it can be observed that a road exist nearby the proposed diversion area. Therefore, the State Govt. may provide NOC from PWD for access approach.	The NOC from HPPWD has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail at Sr. No. 19 in part-I.
6.	NOC from Fire department may be provided.	Clarification from Fire Deptt. has been uploaded against additional information detail at Sr. No. 20 in part-1.
7.	Respective area of UPF and DPF is required to be mentioned in Part-II of web portal. Needful in this regards may be done.	Respective area of UPF and DPF is mentioned in Part-II of web portal in Part-II.
8.	The State Govt. may clarify whether there are any other components proposed in the diversion area like office building, workshop, passengers lounge, fuel station or any other. If that is the case, all such components are required to be mentioned in the component wise breakup, layout plan and KML file along with its respective area of forest land involved. Needful in this regards may be done.	User agency has submitted that there are no other components in the diversion area. Undertaking to this effect has been given by the User agency and same uploaded against additional information detail at Sr. No. 15 in part-1.
9.	In Part-II, it has been mentioned that proposed land is prescribed for Deodar, Kail Working Circle as per previous working plan. Therefore, the State Govt. may provide the prescription of proposed Working Plan for the diversion area.	The proposed land is prescribed for Deodar, Kail Working Circle as per previous working plan has been uploaded against additional detail column No. 13 in Part-II.
10.	It has been submitted that entire muck will be used in the diversion area for different activities. Therefore, the State Govt. may provide Muck Management Plan (MMP) mentioning the estimated muck to be generated including soil swell factor and muck to be utilized. Further, the MMP shall be dully countersign by the concerned DFO.	Muck management plan has been uploaded on the portal against additional information detail at Sr. No. 21 part-1.
11.	CA scheme of 1978 plants is required. Therefore, CA scheme shall be revised as per 1978 plants and also it may ensured recent wage rates has been considered for preparing the CA Scheme.	CA scheme of 1978 plants has been prepared and uploaded in the appropriate column in 13(ii) in Part-II.
12.	NPV bill calculation sheet is required to be revised as per recent rates of MoEF&CC letter dared 6the January, 2022.	The revised Bill of NPV has been uploaded against additional detail column No. 15.
13.	FRA has been submitted. However, the records and annexures of consultations and proceedings of FRC and Gram Sabha of all villages may be provided/ uploaded.	Complete FRA Certificate has been uploaded on the portal against Column No. K (a) in part-1 by the user agency.
14.	The project is proposed in a hilly terrain, therefore, the accelerated soil erosion during and after completion of the project will be inevitable. Therefore, the State Govt. is required to submit the	Various mitigation measures will be adopted during and after execution of the project like, construction of R/Wall and B/wall etc. also, the cost of SMCP will be paid as per the guidelines i.e. 0.5% of the Total

	Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan (SMCP) as per recent direction of MoEF&CC vide letter dated 7 th June, 2022.	Project cost as and when demanded by the forest department. Undertaking to this effect has been uploaded at Sr. No. 17 against additional information detail part-1 by the user agency. AND Bill of SMCP has been uploaded against additional detail column No. 12 by the DCF.
15.	Consent to Establish may be obtained from Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (HPSPCB) before Stage II approval. Undertaking to provide the same is required to be submitted.	User Agency has given an undertaking to provide consent of HPSPCB has been uploaded on the portal at Sr. No. 16 against additional information detail part-1.
16.	Legal status of proposed CA land, whether it is a forest land as per IFA 1927 under the control of State Forest Department or it is a waste land declared as Protected Forest under 1952 notification of HP Government, shall be clarified.	The legal status of proposed CA area has been uploaded against additional detail column No. 11 in Part-II.

This is for favour of kind information and taking further necessary action at your end please.


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