

No.FCA/ 596/RK /
H.P. Forest Department.

Dated D/Shala, the/ 17-05-2022 /

From: D.F.O. Dharamshala.

To: C.C.F. (T) Dharamshala.

Subject : Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 64.2016 ha of forest land for Construction of North Campus Central University Dharamshala, District Kangra State Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Others/39044/2019).

Memo;

Kindly refer to the observations raised by Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Government of India, MoEFCC, FC Division, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003 vide letter No. File No.8-17/2020-FC dated 08.03.2021 on the subject cited above.

In this regard the point wise reply to the Observations / recommendations of the Site Inspection Report of Sh. Pankaj Agrawal, APCCF, IRO, MOEF&CC Dehradun as submitted by the User Agency are as under :-


1. As submitted by the User Agency, the Construction Activities for Satellite Campus at Dehra will be started at the earliest, as the Tendering process has been initiated by CPWD for the purpose.
2. As submitted by the User Agency, the change of the name of User Agency from Director, Higher Education H.P. to The Registrar Central University has been approved by the MoEF&CC. The possession of the diverted forest land for Satellite Campus at Dehra has been taken by the Central University.
3. As submitted by the User Agency, the Forest Land proposed for diversion for construction of Central University North Campus at Jadrangal Tehsil Dharamshala has been reduced from 75.3931 ha land to 64.2016 hac. At present there is no change in the Layout Plan of Dehra Campus.
4. As submitted by the User Agency, the Non Forest Land 34.55 ha proposed for Construction of Satellite Campus at Dehra has been handed over to the Central University and the construction activities at non forest land will be started simultaneously along with forest land.
5. As submitted by the User Agency, the Geological Survey of the area proposed for main campus at Dharamshala has been conducted by GSI and the report has been uploaded online against Additional Information Detail and is enclosed in the proposal folders at Page No. 202 to 265.
6. As submitted by the User Agency, earlier total 16 polygons have been proposed and now number of polygons have been reduced to 8 number to minimize the damage on forest land.
7. As submitted by the User Agency, the State Government could not acquire the Private Land situated between Polygon No. 7 and Polygon No. 8. The construction of Academic Blocks has been proposed in theses polygons so these cannot be avoided / merged.

8. As submitted by the User Agency, the additional land for widening of existing road network and improving the gradient of roads have been included in the proposal and duly marked in Layout Plan and KML file of proposed Construction of Central University North Campus at Jadrangal.
9. As submitted by the User Agency, all other utilities such as water supply line, electric line, sewerage line, STP, etc. have been included in the Proposal and duly marked in Layout Plan and KML file of proposed Construction of Central University North Campus at Jadrangal.
10. As submitted by the User Agency, the set off area between the construction zones will be maintained as green for creating an eco-friendly environment and increase green cover. Trees will be planted in these areas with consultation of Forest Department at the cost of User Agency.
11. As submitted by the User Agency, the Non Forest Land of such large area is not available in the district, so the alternatives have been explored in Forest Land. There is no possibility of selecting entirely non-forest land for construction of Central University. Hence, forest land is proposed for constructing North Campus of Central University at Jadrangal.
12. As submitted by the User Agency, the FRA Certificate of 280.6635 ha submitted earlier includes 56.6068 ha area proposed presently. The detail of forest land for which FRA Certificate has been obtained earlier and the detail of balance land for which FRA Certificate is pending, has been submitted in the proposal folder. The process for obtaining FRA Certificate for balance 7.5948 ha forest land has been initiated and will be submitted before final approval of the diversion of 64.2016 ha forest land is obtained from MoEF&CC. The undertaking in this regard is submitted with the proposal folder.

Further, it is submitted that the density of forest area proposed for diversion has been corrected as 0.3 (Eco Class VI Open Forest) and the revised bill of NPV has been uploaded online and enclosed in the proposal folder at Page No. 47. The forest type of proposed site is Type C₁ - Himalayan Sub Tropical Pine Forest (Group 9-Sub Tropical Pine Forest).

It is therefore, requested that the necessary approval for the diversion of 64.2016 Ha. of forest land for the construction of above mentioned project may kindly be obtained from the Govt. of India under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and conveyed to this office.

Encl: As above


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Dharamshala Forest Division,
Dharamshala.