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H.P. Forest Department

From

Nodal Officer-cum-PCCF (FCA),
O/o Pr.CCF, H.P, Shimla-1.

To

The Deputy Inspector General of Forest,
Sub Office, Ministry of Environment,
Forest and Climate Change, CGO Complex,
Shivalik Khand, Longwood, Shimla, H.P.

Dated Shimla-1, the

Subject: Diversion of 0.182 ha. of forest land in favour of Directorate of Transport of HP for construction of Bus Stand Nankhari, Tehsil Nankhari, Distt. Shimla HP within the jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. Online proposal no FP/HP/Others/148085/2021.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No. FC/HPB/09/01/2025 dated 29.01.2025 on the above cited subject.

2. The point wise reply to the observation as raised vide your above referred communication is submitted as below: -

1. In this regard DCF Rampur has intimated that efforts establishing the were made to explore the possibilities for 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.

ii) 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 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 h a& 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. It is submitted that no non-forest is available for the said project as per the justification given in para supra as well as detail mentioned in the site-specificity certificate of DCF concerned uploaded against 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. The administrative approval has been uploaded as additional information at Sr. No. 7 of Part -I.

In addition to this, the site-specificity certificate of DCF concerned uploaded against as additional information at Sr. 16 of Part-I.

Yours faithfully,

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