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H.P. Forest Department.

Dated Bharmour, the/ 20 /12/2021.

From: - D.F.O. Bharmour.

To: - C.C.F.(T) Chamba.

Subject: - Diversion of 9.3355 hac. Forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of Motorable road from Channi Bridge Elaka Mata to Jalsu Jot 0/00 to 17/0, within the jurisdiction of Bharmour Forest Division, District Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. (online No. FP/HP/Road/41501/2019)

Memo:-

Kindly refer to 1st meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of the Integrated Regional Office Shimla held on 29th November, 2021 on the subject cited above.

The observations as raised by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) under reference have been attended by the User Agency. The same is enclosed herewith as Annexure-I. This is submitted for favour of information and further necessary action please.

Encls: - As above



Divisional Forest Officer,
Bharmour Forest Division,
Bharmour-176315.

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Copy is forwarded to Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division Bharmour w.r.t. his office letter No.PW-BD/WA/FCA/2021-22-15918-19 dated 04.12.2021 for information please.



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**Himachal Pradesh
Public Works Department**

No.:- PW-BD/WA/FCA/2021-22:- 15918-19

Dated:- 4-12-2021

To

**The Division Forest Officer
Forest Division Bharmour, District Chamba.
Tehsil Bharmour District Chamba. H. P.**

Subject:-

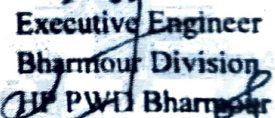
Diversion of 9.3355 Ha forest land in favour of HP PWD Deptt. Channi Bridge Elaka mata to Jalsu Jot Proposal No. 41501/2019/(3667) and Diversion of 14.4902 Ha of forest land in favour of HP PWD Deptt. Utrala to Surehi pass (Portion Baklood to Surehi Pass) Proposal No.47951/2020/(4028).

Reference:-


1st meeting of REC of integrated Regional Office C.G.O. Complex Shimla, MOEF, CC&GoI held on dated 29.11.2021 and direction thereof.

In this regard, it is submitted that the Diversion of 9.3355 Ha of forest land in favour of HP PWD Deptt. Bharmour Division Channi Bridge Elaka mata to Jalsu Jot Proposal No. 41501/2019/(3967) and Diversion of 14.4902 Ha of forest land in favour of Baijnath Division HP PWD Baijnath Utrala to Surehi Pass (Portion Baklood to Surehi Pass) Proposal No.47951/2020/(4028) for agenda No. 1&2, the desired information attached with KML file along with alternate alignment I&II For Proposal No. 41501/2019 is submitted for further necessary action. As per the direction of REC KML file sent Divisional forest Officer Palampur through mail id dfoplphp@gmail.in on dated 04.12.2021

It is therefore requested that the desired information may please be submitted for onward submission REC, please.


Executive Engineer
Bharmour Division
HP PWD Bharmour

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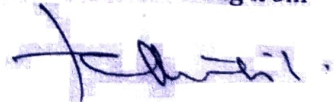
**MINUTES OF 1st MEETING OF THE REGIONAL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE OF
INTEGRATED REGIONAL OFFICE, SHIMLA
HELD ON 29th NOVEMBER, 2021**

The 1st meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of the Integrated Regional Office Shimla was held on 29th November, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Shri Satya Prakash Negi, IFS, Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Dehradun to discuss FCA proposals pertaining to states of Himachal Pradesh.

Following official/non-official members & the special invitees were present in the meeting either in person or through video conferencing.

S.No.	Name	Designation
01	Shri Satya Prakash Negi, IFS, Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Shimla.	Chairman
02	Dr. R. S. Bisht, Retd. IFS	Non-official Member
03	Prof. S. D. Bhardwaj	Non-official Member
04	Shri T. C. Nautiyal, IFS, DIGF (C), Integrated Regional Office, IRO, Shimla	Member Secretary
05	Shri R. K. Gupta, IFS APCCF-cum- Nodal Officer (FCA) (HP)	Special Invitee
06	Dr. Yogesh Gairola, Technical Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Dehradun.	Technical Officer (Special Invitee)
07	Shri Joginder Kumar	Technical Officer (i/c), IRO Shimla
08	Shri Ajay Kumar	Technical Officer (i/c), IRO Shimla
09	Representatives of the User Agencies and state forest departments	

At the outset, the Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members present in the meeting or connected through Video-Conference. The Chairman apprised the members and the special invitees that the Integrated Regional Office Shimla started functioning from



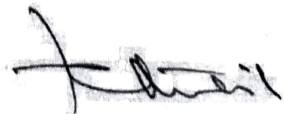
Shimla in the month of July 2021 for the State of Himachal Pradesh and this meeting is the first meeting of Integrated Regional Office, Shimla. Prior to this the FC matters of Himachal Pradesh were undertaken by the IRO Dehradun.

Following proposals seeking diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose pertaining to the state of Himachal Pradesh were discussed in detail and the case-wise decision taken by REC is as under:

Agenda Item No. 01: Diversion of 9.3355 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD, for the Construction of Channi Bridge Elaka Mata to Jalsu Jot Motorable Road (Kms. 0/00 to 17/0), within the jurisdiction of Bharmour Forest Division, Distt. Chamba, Himachal Pradesh (Online No. FP/HP/ROAD/41501/2019).

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 9.3355 ha of forest land for the construction of Channi Bridge Elaka Mata to Jalsu Jot Motorable Road (Kms. 0/00 to 17/0). The committee noted that 97 trees are proposed to be affected in the project. It is noted that the forest land proposed for diversion is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The committee was apprised that the proposal was discussed in REC meeting of IRO Dehradun held on 29-10-2021. It was observed that the other proposal viz. online proposal no. FP/HP/ROAD/ 47951/2020 had also been submitted by the State Govt. to this office for construction of road naming "Uttarala to Surahi Pass" in the same area as an extension of the proposed road. Therefore, the committee deferred the proposal with a view of discussing both these proposals in consolidation and if required, a site inspection may be carried out by the Integrated Regional Office along with the committee members in order to analyze the requirement of these roads to the area. Further, the committee members also directed the concerned DFO to correct the scientific names of trees proposed to be affected in the alignment.

The committee apprised that this proposal is connected with the proposal at agenda item no. 02 i.e. Uttarala to Surahi Pass (online No. FP/HP/ROAD/47951/2020) and therefore these proposals should be discussed in consolidation. The concerned DFOs of Bharmour Forest Division and Palampur Forest Division along with the user agency presented the project before the committee through video conferencing. It was informed by

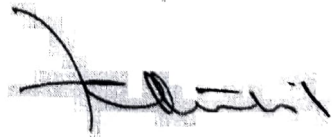


the user agency that this area is having tribal population and 96 villages are benefitted in the proposal. It was noticed that starting point of the proposed road is connecting to the end point of another 'Uttarala to Surahi' road while the end point of the proposed road is connecting the existing road network. The User Agency has also apprised the committee that these two roads of 'Uttarala to Surahi pass' and 'Channi Bridge Elaka Mata to Jalsu Jot motorable road' will reduce the distance of two districts viz. Chamba and Kangra from 300 Km to 70 Km. The committee members were unable to take a consolidated view for these two projects in absence of consolidated maps and location of adjoining roads and other necessary documents.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to defer the proposal to the next REC meeting and desired that the Nodal Officer will ensure a presentation for these two proposals in consolidation and also ensure the physical presence of the concerned DFOs and project proponent at IRO Shimla.

Agenda Item No. 02: Diversion of 14.4902ha. of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of Road from Uttarala to Surahi Pass (Portion Bakload to Surahi Pass) (Kms 10/0 to 33/500) within the jurisdiction of Palampur Forest Division, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh (Online No. FP/HP/ROAD/47951/2020).

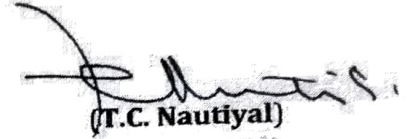
Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 14.4902ha. of forest land for the construction of Road from Uttarala to Surahi Pass (Portion Bakload to Surahi Pass). The committee noted that 1476 trees which include 29 saplings are proposed to be affected in the project. It is noted that the forest land proposed for diversion is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The proposal is connected with the proposal at agenda item no. 01 i.e. Channi Bridge Elaka Mata to Jalsu Jot Motorable Road (Online No. FP/HP/ROAD/41501/2019) these proposals were discussed in the consolidation and the decision is same as in the agenda item no. 01. This was also directed by the committee that the concerned DFO and project proponent may work out that how the felling can be reduced in this case as the possibility of another alignment was denied in the meeting by the DFO and the Nodal Officer, Himachal Pradesh.



digital map of diversion area uploaded in online portal has not been done. This may be corrected accordingly.

4. State Govt is required to submit a certificate that the approach road will not attract the provision of FC Act, 1980.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chairman, members and other participants.



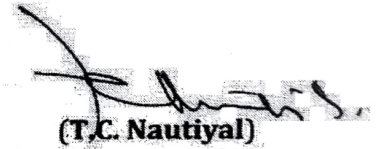
DIGF-cum-Member Secretary, REC

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Dated: 03 December, 2021

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3. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forest), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Armsdale Building, Shimla.
4. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Talland, Shimla, H.P. for information. He is requested to take action on the decisions taken in the REC meeting (Project-wise) & ensure submission of compliance to this office for further necessary action.



DIGF-cum-Member Secretary, REC