

No.Ft. 48-5627/2022 (FCA)  
H.P. Forest Department

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

To: The Assistant Inspector General of Forests,  
Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate change,  
(Forest Conservation Division) Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-11003.Dated Shimla-1, the

Subject: **Diversion of 0.0442 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of link road from PHC Badahari Gurshali to Village Dawath (Kms. 0/00 to 1/500), within the jurisdiction of Shimla Forest Division, District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/ROAD/150852/2022).**

Kindly refer to your office letter No. FC/HPB/06/111/2022 dated 14.11.2023 on the subject cited above.

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

1. CCF Shimla has submitted that the KML file has been rectified to make the file consistent with Joint Inspection Report. Further, it is clarified that the Bridle path visible in the satellite image is in very steep slope. Height difference between starting point and end point of the said path is about 80-100 meters and therefore, it is not possible to use this path as road even if it is widened (At present it is 2-5 feet wide) as the resulting grade would be 1:2 to 1:3 which is not suitable of plying of the vehicles (for reference, it is pertinent to mention here that maximum gradient allowed as per the Indian Codes even in exceptional cases is 7% i.e. 1:15 for length not exceeding 100 meters). The copy of correct reason for proposal of the said road duly recommended/countersigned by the DFO concerned along with clarification in more detail that why Bridle Path cannot be widened as suggested by the Govt. of India has been uploaded by the UA through online on Parivesh Portal in Part-I under additional information details at Sr. No. 29 along with the copy of Site photograph wherein it is clearly visible the impossibility to connect the village Dawath by widening of Bridle Path. Alternative 2 depicts the possible alignment of the road if the village is to be connected with the starting point of the Bridle path where a large number of hairpin bends are required in the Forest area and number of trees required to be felled is also greater.

2. CCF Shimla replied that the Digital Copy of the Layout plan in appropriate scale through online in the Part-I under additional information details at Sr. No. 29 & 30.
3. The copy of Administrative Approval & approved copy of Preliminary Estimate is uploaded in the Part-I under the additional information details at Sr. No. 29&30. Further, the UA has submitted that the detailed DPR of the road can only be prepared after the land transfer.

Yours faithfully

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