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To

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

Subject: Diversion of 1.9446 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of road from Sheguni to Bakati Km 0/00 to 2/950 within the jurisdiction of Anni Forest Division, Distt. Kullu, Himachal Pradesh – Regarding reply to Gol observations.

Memo:

Kindly refer to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Sub-Office Shimla) letter No. FC/HPB/101/2023 dated 18.01.2024 on the subject cited above.

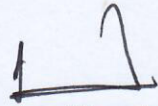
The point-wise reply to the observations raised vide the reference letter are submitted as under:

Sr. No.	Gol observations	Reply
1	In Part-1, A-3 (xvii), the name mentioned in the authorization letter does not match the details of the person making the application	User agency has intimated as per the standing orders of the State Government, all Executive Engineers of the H.P. Public Works Department (HPPWD) are competent and authorized to seek statutory approvals under the Forest (Conservation) Act. Because this authorization is designation-based to maintain administrative continuity, it cannot be issued in the name of a specific individual.
2	A Joint Inspection Report of the instant proposal may be provided	The required Joint Inspection Report has been uploaded by the User Agency on the online portal under Serial No. 3 of the Additional Information of Part-I
3	The layout plan must include a legend and the proper dimensions of each component, such as Carriageway, Paved Shoulder, Earth Filling, Drain, and Protection Work, as well as an area-wise calculation. Furthermore, the forest land and non-forest land involved in the proposal must be represented in the layout plan with distinct colors and need to be duly authenticated by the concerned DFO may be provided.	DFO Ani has intimated that a comprehensive layout plan containing a clear legend and specific dimensions for all components along with area-wise calculations has been prepared. The forest and non-forest land components are clearly demarcated using distinct color coding. The plan, duly authenticated by the DFO Anni, has been uploaded under Serial No. 4 of the Additional Information column in Part-I
4.	The KML uploaded under column C of Part-I online required correction on the following points: i. The KML file uploaded doesn't have clear demarcation for forest/non-forest areas. ii. A fresh KML in polygon form needs to be provided as the proposed area is 1.9446 ha, while the calculated area is 1.24 ha. iii. Need to revise DGPS according to the revised proposed project site KML.	The User Agency has corrected the discrepancies and uploaded the revised, authenticated KML file in Column C of Part-I on the portal. The updated file provides precise polygon boundaries reflecting the full 1.9446 ha diversion area, distinct forest/non-forest demarcation, and aligned DGPS coordinates.

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5.	Out of 1.9446 ha area, 0.6222 ha area proposed for muck dumping which is huge in comparison with proposed area. It is noticed that plenty of NFL available in nearby area. We may request State Govt. to select non-forest land for dumping purpose.	The User Agency has reviewed the land availability and uploaded a formal Undertaking regarding the optimization and management of the dumping site under Serial No. 7 of the Additional Information column in Part-I
6.	State Govt need to upload Land schedule, bar chart and geologist report.	The Geologist Report along with the supporting land schedule and project execution bar chart has been successfully uploaded on the portal under Serial No. 8 of the Additional Information column in Part-I.
7.	As mentioned in the Site Inspection Report of the concerned DFO, the UA must adhere to conditions for the management of Muck/Debris rolled down from the slope and accordingly may provide undertaking for the same duly c/s by the concerned	In compliance with the DFO's Site Inspection Report, the User Agency has executed a formal undertaking to implement strict stabilization measures for preventing muck/debris from rolling down the slopes. This undertaking, has been uploaded under Serial No. 5 of the Additional Information column in Part-I.
8	State Govt. must ensure and prepare the conservation plan of all existing water sources/natural springs and drains within and adjacent to this site are free from interruption and contamination and the undertaking for the same may be provided.	The department ensures that all existing natural springs, water sources, and natural drains within or adjacent to the project site will be protected from contamination and channel blocks. The corresponding formal undertaking has been uploaded by user agency under Serial No. 8 of the Additional Information section in online Part-II .
9.	According to the Google Earth latest image data dated 11/2022 it seems that approx. 1.8 (ha.) is available for the new plantation/target plantation out of 1.94 (ha.). Need more vacant space i.e., 2.08 (ha.) to fulfill the target plantation.	The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) scheme area has been reassessed to meet the target requirements. The revised KML file delineating the expanded target plantation area has been successfully uploaded in the appropriate column of online Part-II .
10.	The Status of Proposed CA land may be provided, whether it is a Govt. Wasteland is declared as PF under HP Govt. notification, 1952, or it is notified as UPF/DPF under IFA 1927.	The proposed CA land falls within UPF Sharti, which is classified as an Un-demarcated Protected Forest (UPF) as per the working plan records of the division.

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


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