

No.FCA/ 595/RK /  
H.P. Forest Department.

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

From: D.F.O. Dharamshala.

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

Subject: Diversion of 2.9696 Ha. of forest land in favour of Municipal Corporation Dharamshala, District Kangra for the construction of Solid Waste Management Plant in Up Mohal Dharamshala, within the jurisdiction of Dharamshala Forest Division, Distt. Kangra, H.P.

Memo :

Kindly refer to the EDS raised by Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, CGO Complex, Shivalik Khand, Longwood, Shimla 171001 vide Letterf No. 8B/H.P./09/90/2021/F.C./210 dated 27.08.2021 on the subject cited above.

2. The point wise reply to the observations furnish as under :-

- i. As submitted by the User Agency, vide letter No. DMC Sant (F)-12-(3)/2022-645 dated 05.05.2022, all the Components have been marked in the Layout Plan and mentioned in online Part I, B 2.4. The detail of Component wise breakup has been uploaded online against Additional information and enclosed herewith in triplicate.
- ii. As submitted by the User Agency, the copy of Administrative Approval has been uploaded online against Additional Information and is enclosed herewith in triplicate.
- iii. As submitted by the User Agency, the Construction of this Project will generate 12000 mandays of Temporary employment during construction and about 14 persons will get permanent employment during the life of Project for running and maintenance of the Project. The detail has been corrected in online Part I, Para E(ii) and (iii).
- iv. As submitted by the User Agency, the Alternative alignments have been marked in the KML file and detail of alternatives is enclosed herewith in triplicate.
- v. As submitted by the User Agency, all the wards of Municipal Corporation Dharamshala have been marked in the KML file and detail of Beneficiary Wards alongwith there population is enclosed herewith in triplicate.
- vi. As submitted by the User Agency, the Dumping of Solid Waste is being done in 0.75 ha of forest land since the year 1977 but no such record is available with the User Agency, as the Municipal Corporation Dharamshala was established in the year 2015. No permission was taken for the use of this land from any Department. The fencing of this 1.5717 ha. forest land was done by the then Municipal Council Dharamshala. The Municipal Corporation has not done illegal dumping outside this area. The Local Panchayat has submitted written complaints to the Judiciary for this illegal dumping. The Forest Department on various occasions have stopped the Corporation from dumping the Solid Waste, but as there is no other place available with Municipal Corporation, the area is opened after imposing penalty. The Proposal has been submitted for Diversion of 2.9696 ha of forest land as per Hon'ble NGT Court Orders dated 29.03.2019 (Copy enclosed) wherein it is mentioned that there is

need to set up Municipal Solid Waste Processing Plant adopting cluster approach for processing of bio-degradable waste and segregation and recycling of other waste. The proper disposal of the Solid Waste can only be done after the land is diverted in favour of Municipal Corporation. The Diversion of said land is necessarily required as the land proposed is barest minimum required for setting of Solid Waste Plant for processing of solid waste with modern approach. An attested copy of Certificate submitted earlier, regarding the possession of 1.5717 hac. of forest land prior to 1980 has been enclosed by User Agency. The Forest Department has detained the Municipal vehicles on various occasions but as the chaos rises, the area has to be re-opened. Further as per the directions of the Hon'ble NGT Court, the Municipal Corporation of Dharamshala has applied for land diversion case.

- vii. The Eco Class in Part II, para 4(ii) has been revised as Eco Class VI Open Forest and revised Bill of NPV is enclosed herewith.
- viii. The Geographical Area of District Kangra has been corrected in online Part II and revised Part – II is enclosed herewith in triplicate.

It is therefore, requested that the necessary approval for the diversion of 2.9696 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

Divisional Forest Officer,  
Dharamshala Forest Division,  
Dharamshala.