

FC-BIL-H032/6/2023-SALE and MISC-FOREST CIRCLE BILASPUR

No.D-VI-205(M)/
HP Forest Department

I/281399/2023

From: CCF Bilaspur.

To: Nodal Officer -cum-APCCF (FCA)
O/o Pr.CCF (HP) Shimla.

Subject:- Diversion of 3.3438 ha. of forest land in F/o HPPWD for the construction of link road Bassi to Ghawandal KM 0/0 to 6/00 within the Jurisdiction of Bilaspur Forest Division, Distt. Bilaspur, HP.

Memo.

Kindly refer to GoI letter No. FC/HPB/76/2023 dated 14.08.2023 on the subject cited above.

2. The point-wise reply/information to the shortcomings as furnished by DFO Bilaspur is as under:-

Sr. No	EDS/Observations	Reply to EDS
1	Administrative approval and approved DPR of the project from the competent authority needs to be provided.	UA has intimated that the administrative approval stands already accorded to this project vide letter No.PW-133-280/81-BLP-2-works-25667-71 dated 30.11.1981 & DPR for Rs. 552.00 lacs. has been prepared & same is under process for its approval.
2	It has been observed from the kml file that no alternative alignments have been explored. Therefore, state Govt. ensure that the UA will explore the alignments with the least possible distance between the villages to be benefitted and submit the same.	UA has intimated that the alternative alignment is not possible as per the topography of the area and the proposed alignment is the shortest route as explored at site.
3	It has been observed from the KML that all three beneficiary villages are well connected by the existing road. Therefore, proposing this new alignment needs justification.	UA has submitted that this road starts from Bassi village and ends at Ajnol village, both the stations are falling on all weather roads but some scattered populations fall outside of these villages and village Ranni is to be connected with this alignment.
4	Under column B2.4 online Part-I the total forest area to be diverted is mentioned as 3.3428 ha. However, the instant proposal is of 3.3438 ha. the same may be reviewed and rectified.	Necessary correction has been made in column B 2.4 in online Part-I by UA.
5	As per the DSS, the proposed DA area falls within the Naina Devi WLS and its ESZ. Therefore, state Govt. may review the aerial distances from the PA, & provide the exact aerial distance of DA from boundary of Naina Devi WLS & its ESZ. Accordingly, comments of CWLW may also be provided.	The distance of DA from Naina Devi ji Conservation Reserve is about 3.00 KM.
6	The layout plan has been provided. However, it does not match the KML provided. Therefore, a digital copy of the layout plan in an appropriate scale which must include a legend and the proper dimensions of each component, such as carries way, paved shoulder, earth filling, drain & protection work as well as area wise calculations and forest/non-forest area in different colors' duly authenticated by the concerned DFO needs be uploaded.	The layout plan and KML file has been uploaded in online Part-I by the UA.
7	Under column K (a) of Part-I online, an FRA certificate has been provided which states that	UA has intimated that the joint inspection was conducted by the committee. As per the direction

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	4.6759 ha. of forest land is being diverted for the instant proposal. However, the instant proposal is for 3.3438 ha. Therefore, state Govt. may clarify the same discrepancies.	of the forest department the road width which was proposed 8 mtr. has now been taken 6 mtr. Hence the variation of the area.																
8	A fresh KML of the instant proposal needs to be provided in the polygon form of the diversion area as the proposed area for diversion is 3.3438 ha. While the calculated area is 1.90 ha. along the forest/non-forest area and violated and un-violated part in a distinct colour.	The fresh KML file uploaded online on the portal showing forest/non-forest area & violated/ non-violated part in distinct colour by the UA.																
9	A clear and legible copy of the enumeration list along with date of tree counting and duly authenticated by the concerned DFO needs to be uploaded.	Needful has been done.																
10	The muck disposal plan needs to be duly authenticated by the concerned DFO.	The muck disposal plan attached is duly authenticated by DFO.																
11	A brief note on the vulnerability of forest land diverted to erosion is not correctly filled in online portal PART-II.	Needful has been done.																
12	As per the detailed provided under column-11 of online portal part-II & the site inspection report from concerned DFO revealed that a violation has been carried out. Therefore, in view of the above, the following clarification/justification may be provided:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The action taken report against the violators as per Para 1.21 (i) &/or (ii) of FCA guidelines may be submitted/ uploaded in the portal. ii. Action taken by the state Govt. against the officials concerned for not being able to prevent the use of forest land for non-forestry purposes without prior approval of GoI. iii. A fresh joint inspection report needs to be uploaded. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. In reply to Point No. i, UA have intimated that the road has been constructed a long time ago by local gram Panchayat & residents. As such there is no record available in his office regarding action taken against the violators. However, As Per Para 1.21 (ii), bill on account of penal NPV & note on violation has already been raised and placed in proposal folders. ii. Since violation has taken place a long time ago, as such no record is available about action taken against the officials concerned for not being able to prevent the use of forest land for non-forestry purposes without prior approval of GoI. iii. Joint inspection has been conducted on 17.12.2021 by the committee constituted for the roads constructed in violation of the provisions of FCA 1980, which is placed in Page No. 112 (i) proposal folders. 																
13	The DSS of the CA, site reveals that the complete area proposed for CA falls under the MDF category. Therefore, as per Para 2.4 (vii) of the handbook of FCA 1980 & FC Rules 2003 (Guidelines and clarifications) MoEF & CC 2019, state Govt. may look for alternative CA site.	<p>In CA area of 6.6875 ha. identified in DPF Dhalet, the following trees of various spp. are standing-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>V</th> <th>IV</th> <th>III</th> <th>IIA</th> <th>IIB</th> <th>IA</th> <th>IC</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>180</td> <td>110</td> <td>70</td> <td>50</td> <td>32</td> <td>15</td> <td>8</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Keeping in view of these existing trees over 6.6875 ha, the density of vegetation is 0.12 which is fit for raising of CA as per FCA guidelines.</p>	V	IV	III	IIA	IIB	IA	IC	TOTAL	180	110	70	50	32	15	8	0
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Encls:-As Above.

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Bilaspur (HP).

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31.10.2023 for information.

