

No. FCA/(Suket)/ 2375
H.P Forest Department.

Dated Mandi, the/ 22 JUN 2023

From: C.C.F.(T) Mandi.

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

Subject : **Diversion of 6.472 Ha. of forest land in favour of Registrar Atal Medical & Research University for the construction of Atal Medical & Research University at Nerchowk Tehsil Balh Distt. Mandi H.P. within the jurisdiction of Suket Forest Division, Distt. Mandi H.P. (Online Proposal no. FP/HP/Others/152581/2022).**

Memorandum:

Kindly refer to Government of India MoEF and CC Integrated Regional Office Shimla file No. FC/HPB/51/2023 dated 24/04/2023 on the subject cited above.

The point wise reply of the observations raised vide above referred communication have attended to by DFO Suket/User Agency, as under:-

Sr. No.	EDS/Observations	Reply to EDS
1.	The extant project is a non-site specific activity and as per para 1.15 of FCA Guideline as well as recent direction of MoEF & CC, New Delhi vide letter dated 24/04/2022 has categorically mentioned that "non-site-specific activities cannot be considered on forest land as a rule. For that matter, non-site-specific proposal can be entertained for considering approval under the FCA, 1980. Therefore, State Government may provide comments in this regard and other suitable non-forest suitable land may be selected for this project.	The user agency submitted that the land holding in Himachal Pradesh is very less and most of the people of the State are dependent on their land for their livelihood. There is no private and non-forest land available for the said project and this project is essential for the State due to its importance in Medical Sector and an opportunity to the youths of the State to provide a better place for their future. Undertaking of user agency has been uploaded Part-I in additional information at Sr. No.16.
2.	In the extant proposal, components "Residential Accommodation (0.5ha) and Guest house and Hostel Area (0.6ha) has been proposed". In MoEF&CC directions dated 24/01/2022 mentioned that "Utilization of forest area for establishing industries, construction of residential colonies, institutes, disposal of dry ash, rehabilitation of displaced persons, etc. are non-site specific activities and cannot be considered on forest land as a rule."	The user agency submitted that the said project is related to Medical Education which is an important part of Human Life and this is a Medical Research University which will explore extra ordinary medical education and great facilities in the field of medical education and residential component is an essential part of the project. Moreover, there is a provision in FCA guidelines that Residential component is allowed in special cases up to 1 ha. Hence, the said case cannot be escaped. The same has been uploaded Part-I in additional information at Sr. No.16.

3.	The status of proposed diversion area whether it is a notified forest under IFA, 1927 or a waste land declared as Protected Forest under HP Govt. notification, 1952 and is in ownership of HP Forest Department or not.	The status of proposed diversion area is Gair Mumkin Khadd having khasra no. 507. It is a waste land and under in possession of HP Govt. where forest laws are applicable. Nakal Jamabandi has been uploaded Part-I in additional information at Sr. No.16.
4.	The proposed project is proposed in the vicinity of Suketi Khad. Therefore, may provide comments along with mitigation measure to be adopted to safeguard the riverine ecology.	Flooding remains the most common and one of the most costly categories of natural hazards and various mitigation measures will be adopted to protect the ecology and loss to the life and property, R/wall, B/Wall and doing plantation along the project site by adopting engineering methods will be used to stop the soil erosion.
5.	The road is not proposed to proposed project. Therefore, justification regarding approach access from existing road to proposed diversion area may be provided. If road is required in forest land, then same is required to be included in the proposal as a separate component, and if road is proposed in non-forest land, same is required to be mentioned in the Part-I, Para B.2.4 (Component wise break-up).	The project site is adjacent to existing road of HPPWD and does not require any approach road.
6.	Cost-Benefit analysis has been submitted. This is required to be submitted in ration form.	The user agency submitted that revised cost benefit analysis has been attached and uploaded on the portal. The same has been uploaded Part-I in additional information at Sr. No.16.
7.	It has been observed from KML file that alternate sites explored, beneficiary villages are not marked in KML file, Same may be marked.	The user agency submitted that revised KML file has been uploaded on the portal.
8.	State Government may provide information in terms of, build-up is of proposed project and status of Environment Clearance for the extant project. If, total build-up area exceeds 20000sq. meter then Environment Clearance is required to be obtained.	The user agency submitted that the case for environment clearance is yet to be filed.
9.	FRA Certificate is not provided. Therefore, FRA Certificate with all prescribed annexures including all records of consultation and meetings with Gram Sabha and FRC of concerned villages may be submitted.	The user agency submitted the complete FRA Certificate has been uploaded Part-I in additional information at Sr. No.16.
10.	The Status of CA land whether it is notified forest (RF/PF) under IFA, 1927 'or' a Wasteland notified as Protected Forest under HP Government Notification of 1952 and is in the ownership and possession of HP Forest Department or not, may be provided with supporting documents.	The CA land is situated in Khasra no. 1266 of Muhal Tikker Tehsil Bhadrota Distt. Mandi, HP. The Status of CA Land is DPF Tikkar Hadbast No.333 which is in the ownership & possession of HP Forest Department. Concerned Revenue Papers have been uploaded Part-I in additional information at Sr. No.16.

It is, therefore, requested that necessary Stage-I approval of the proposal under FCA-1980 may kindly be obtained and conveyed to this office please.



Chief Conservator of Forests,
Mandi Forests Circle, Mandi H.P. ^{o/c}

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dated: 12.06.2023 for information please.



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