

No.Ft.48- 3440/2016 (FCA),  
H.P. Forest Department.

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

To: The Dy. Director General of Forests (Central)  
GOI, MOEF & Climate Change, Regional Office, (North-Central Zone)  
25, Subhash Road, Dehradun-248001( Uttarakhand)

Subject: Dated Shimla-1, the **24 NOV 2020**  
**Diversion 5.5334 ha. of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of link road Khal Tiba (Km 0/0 to 7/00), within the jurisdiction of Bilaspur Forest Division, Distt Bilaspur, HP. (online No. FP/HP/Road/20681/2016)**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office memo No. 8B/HP/06/02/2020/FC/2358 dated 27-01-2020 on the subject cited above.

2. The point wise reply to the observations raised by above referenced letter is submitted as under:

1. The User Agency has marked the proposed road, existing road, locations of beneficiary village and dumping sites in distinct colors in KML file/digital map and uploaded the same at Para-C (ii) of Part-I. Similarly the beneficiary village/Population has also been marked in circle. The detail of beneficiary village duly verified by the competent Revenue authority as supplied by User Agency is enclosed herewith. All the required documents have also been uploaded by User Agency in Part-1 online.
2. As far as the shifting of alignment at starting point is concerned, the user Agency has submitted that alternate alignment has been checked and explored at site but not any one of them found fit for the construction of above road. As per norms of road geometries, due to which this alignment has been finalized. However, proposed alignment is selected in such a way that there is minimum damage for the forest wealth.
3. Non forest land is not available for muck dumping sites, as the private land Owners are not able to donate more land for this road because of very much less land is available with their ownership for their livelihood and necessities. Muck dumping sites have been proposed in such a manner that minimum loss is to be caused to forest land. All provisions of protection works at muck dumping sites have been taken in the proposal. A detailed justification of muck dumping sites and plan in this regard is prepared by User agency which is sent herewith duly counter signed by DFO.
4. The density mentioned at para-4(i) is 0.16 which is in decimals as such calculation of NPV bill is provided for dense forest category in NPV bill placed in proposal folder at page-34(A).
5. The revised penal NPV bill by taking amount for dense forest is enclosed herewith.
6. The earlier proposed area of 11.0668 ha. in UPF Dhangu out of which Gol has found 8 ha. MDF got rechecked/ inspected by RO Ghumarwin who has reported after spot verification that the above 8 ha. area is infested with lantana and other type of bushes upto 75% as such shows MDF in DSS analysis. The above forest land is having crown density below 20% as such this area falls under open forest which is suitable for raising of CA as per FCA guidelines.
7. The User agency has intimated that the distance of beneficiary villages from existing road namely Swarghat Shri Naina Devi Ji Bhakra road through the alignment of proposed road which bifurcates at RD 26/915 to Khal Tibba is 7 Km. The population of this village Khal is



in the scattered manner and therefore provide the connectivity to the scattered population, the road has been proposed beyond main Khal habitation. Keeping in view the hilly terrain it is necessary to provide connectivity to this scattered population. The another road which is a jeepable road leads to the school and used by the students to reach up to the school and a part of population of the area.

8. In the forest land proposed for diversion 658 trees, 304 saplings and 23 bamboo clumps are existing out of which mature trees are 355 Nos. Keeping in view of 355 mature trees, the density of vegetation comes as 0.16 or 16.04%.
9. It is intimated that proposed forest land falls within the jurisdiction of Shri Naina Devi Ji Range of Bilaspur Forest Division. Earlier Shri Naina Devi Ji Range was wildlife Range and this Wildlife Range has been merged in Bilaspur Forest Division during the year 2014, whereas Working Plan of Bilaspur Forest Division has been approved during the year 2012 as such the areas of erstwhile Shri Naina Devi Ji Wildlife Range are not included in the approved Working Plan of Bilaspur Forest Division. Hence in Para-5 online Part-II it is mentioned that no prescription for diversion of forest land for non forestry propose has been made in Working Plan.
10. In Para-12 of Part-11, yes has been mentioned inadvertently in the column of whether the work in violation is still in progress, which has now been corrected online.
11. Needful has been done and revised penal NPV bill is enclosed herewith.
12. It is submitted that the proposed forest land is consists of various sub-tropical broad leaved trees and land is hilly, as such the land is covered under Eco- class-V.
13. As per User Agency, the length of road in forest and non forest area was wrongly calculated which has been corrected now as non forest area is 1.040 kms and forest area is 5.960 kms. width of land in forest area is 8.3446 mtr. and in non forest area it is 6.9317 meter averages as per the availability of private land in the areas. Amended component wise breakup as prepared by user Agency is attached herewith.
14. As per User Agency this existing main link is not as per the required norms as steep in gradient hence this proposal has been proposed by User Agency. Besides this, the detail of list of trees standing on dumping site has been prepared and enclosed herewith.

It is therefore, the case after attending the observations is submitted for your information and further necessary action please.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl: As above.

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Copy is forwarded to the following for information.

1. CCF Bilaspur w.r.t. his office letter No. D.VI-175(M)/4243 dated 27-10-2020.
2. DFO, Bilaspur Forest Division.
3. Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division No. II, Bilaspur, Distt Bilaspur, HP.

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