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H.P. Forest Department

Dated Chamba, the 23-4-2022

From:-DFO Churah.

To: - CCF (T) Chamba.

Subject: -

DIVERSION OF 3.677 HA OF FOREST LAND IN FAVOUR OF HPPWD  
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM NADAL TO  
JATRAHAN KM 0/0 TO 7/000 WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF FOREST  
DIVISION, CHURAH, DISTRICT CHAMBA (H.P).

Reference: -

Nodal Officer-cum-Addl. Pr.CCF (FCA) O/o Pr.CCF (HoFF), HP.  
Letter No. Ft.48-3851/2018 (FCA) dated 10.02.2022.

Memo

The observations raised vide letter quoted under reference of above cited subject have been attended and reply to the same is as under: -  
**Point No. 1.** In reply to this user agency submitted that three alignments were explored as described below:-

- i **Alignment No. 1** Total area required is 4.490 Ha. from 8.280 km length in which 4.01 Ha. & 0.48 Ha. passes through forest & private land respectively involving 1245 trees. Alignment passes through steep cliffs and does not cover all habitations.
- ii **Alignment No-2:** -Total area required is 4.399 Ha. from 7.890 km length in which 3.899 Ha. & 0.50 Ha. passes through forest & private land respectively involving 1189 trees. Alignment passes through loose/fragile strata and partly touches obligatory points.
- iii **Alignment No-3:** - Total area required is 4.067 Ha. from 7.000 km length in which 3.677 Ha. & 0.39 Ha. passes through forest & private land respectively involving 932 trees. Alignment passes through smooth gradient & hard strata and touches obligatory points.

Out of the above three alternate alignments explored necessarily passes through the Ban Forest and cannot be avoided. The one selected alignment as alignment No.3 has comparatively less Ban trees and every effort made to reduce / minimize the number of trees and bares minimum area of forest land to be diverted. In view of above it is requested to please consider the above proposal for diversion.

Point No. 2. In this regard, user agency has submitted that, it is true that Police Battalian Check Post exist in one of beneficiary village being a border area with J&K, but no road exist beyond village Nadal and further journey by people including Police and other aligned department/officials to Jatrahan village have to travel on foot. The Superintendent of Police Chamba office report has been attached as **Annexure-I**.

Point No. 3. User agency has submitted requisite certificate obtained from Deputy Commission Chamba regarding none of the proposed beneficiary villages are connected by any of the road is attached as **Annexure-II**

Point No. 4. User agency has submitted Geological stability and inescapability report obtained from NIT Hamirpur is attached as **Annexure-III**.

Point No. 5. User agency has submitted that people have small land holding and most of the land falls in the category of forest land and due to small land holding (private land) people falls in the category of marginal farmers and not willing to donate their land for dumping. Hence dumping has to be done on sites selected on barren / degraded forest land due to non availability of non forest land. Certificate for non-availability of non forest land from Worthy Deputy Commissioner Chamba is also attached as **Annexure-IV**.

Point No. 6. User agency has submitted that the road alignment passes through forest as well as in non-forest land according to the gradient and obligatory points. It is not possible that alignment passes through non forest land. Moreover, the land owners have small land holding and their livelihood depends upon it. The alignment so finalized require barest minimum of private as well as forest land, which will keep the project cost low and feasible.

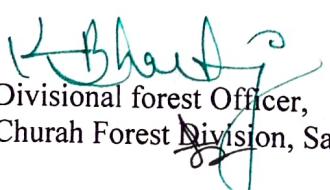
Point No. 7. User agency has submitted that the funds will be available as per the requirement.

Hence it is requested that in view of above the proposal for diversion of forest land be considered sympathetically please.

DA/As above

  
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Churah Forest Division,  
Salooni

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favour of information and n/action please.

  
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