

No. Ft. 48-5090/2020(FCA)
Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh

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

To: The Deputy Inspector General of Forest,
Sub Office, Ministry of Environment,
Forest and Climate Change, CGO Complex,
Shivalik Khand, Longwood, Shimla, HP.

Dated Shimla-1, the 25 JUN 2026

Subject: Diversion of 4.6092 ha. of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of link road from Dhurasapar toe Purkhara (Portion Kutpayana to Purkhara (Kms 4/040 to 11/540), within the jurisdiction of Dalhousie Forest Division, Distt. Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Road/48439/2020).

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No .FC/HPB/06/139/2022 dated 18.10.2022 on the subject cited proposal.

2. The point-wise reply to the observation as raised vide your above referred communication is submitted as below:-

1. The User Agency has submitted that the Engineer-in-Chief, being the competent authority, has authorized all Executive Engineers of HPPWD Divisions across the State to submit applications on behalf of the User Agency for obtaining the necessary approvals through the PARIVESH portal. The authorization letter has been uploaded in Part-I (A-3).
2. DFO Dalhousie has submitted that requirement of permission from Hon'ble Supreme Court for diversion in Protection working circle revoked by order dated 08.02.2023.
3. The User Agency has submitted that the correct KML of the already approved case has been superimposed on the proposed alignment using distinct colours and has also been uploaded under Additional Information in Part-I at Sr. No. 11.
4. In reply to this observation, point no. (i) to (iv) DFO Dalhousie has submitted that no Violation has been done by User agency therefore no action has been initiated against anyone.
5. The User Agency has submitted that the Administrative Approval issued by the competent authority has been uploaded as Additional Information in Part-I.
6. In reply to this observation, it is submitted that fresh Kml showing forest land, non-forest land and dumping sites in distinct colours in polygon shape for the proposed alignment is uploaded at C (b) Part-I.
7. Layout plan showing forest land, non- forest land and dumping sites in distinct colours is uploaded as additional information in PART- 1. Also, Cross section showing the width of road, width of shoulder etc is uploaded as additional information in Part-1 at Sr. No. 23.
8. The gift deeds executed by the private landowners have been uploaded as Additional Information in Part-I at Sr. No. 16.

9. The Certified that during the execution period of the proposed road i.e. Construction of link road from Dhurasapar to Purkhara Km 4/040 to 11/540 retaining structures such as retaining walls and breast walls in Concrete as well as in wire crates (gabion walls) will be constructed in the areas where land slide/ soil erosion is likely to occur. Also, Longitudinal drains and cross water drains (Hume pipe culverts, slab culverts and solid causeways) will be constructed for proper channelization of rain water which will reduce chances of soil erosion. And after the construction period labour and machinery will be deployed for maintenance of longitudinal drains and well as Cross drainage structures. Certificate in this regard & undertaking for soil and moisture conservation plan is uploaded as additional information in Part I and soil and moisture conservation plan as per MoEF & CC dated 07.06.2022 is uploaded against additional information Part-I at Sr. No.24.
10. In reply to this observation, it is submitted that in Rural roads as per IRC 48 (hill road manual) in straight portion road way width is required 5.20mtrs (3.00 mtrs c/way, 1.00 meters shoulders on both sides, 0.60 meters for parapets and 0.60 meters for hillside drain) in straight portions and up to 7.00 meters in curves after providing extra widening. Copy of hill road cross section showing in figure 6.1 of IRC: SP:48 and width specifications as per table 6.5 of IRC SP 48. Copy of the same is uploaded as additional information in Part-1.
11. In reply to this observation, it is submitted that no other non-forest land is available for muck dumping purpose as local people of the area have very less agricultural lands. So, the dumping sites are necessarily required to be proposed in forest lands. Also, it is added that in both the dumping sites no trees are present.
12. The Muck management plan along with the reclamation plan duly authenticated by the undersigned is uploaded as additional information in Part-1 at Sr. No. 20-21.
13. The revised KML showing the correct diversion area of 4.6092 hectares has now been uploaded under Section C(b) of Part-I.
14. In reply to this observation, it is intimated that the road will pass through the small streams/Nallah which will not require construction of major bridges. At these locations small Hume pipe culverts/ Slab culverts/ Solid Causeways will be provided. Undertaking in this regard is uploaded as additional information in Part-1.
15. The revised tree enumeration list, reflecting the reduced number of trees (353 trees and 11 saplings, totaling 364), has been uploaded under Additional Information in Part-II and has also been updated on the online portal at Sr. No. 4(ii) of Part-II.
16. (i) A fresh CA area proposed and kml file uploaded at Sr.No 13 (i) Part-II.
(ii) A fresh CA scheme has been uploaded at Sr. No 13 (ii) of Part-II.
(iii) CA land bank is degraded forest land and notified as DPF under IFA 1927 Land Suitability Certificate is uploaded in appropriate column in part-II.
17. The district profile and geographical area details have been updated in Column No. 14 of Part-II.

Yours faithfully,

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