No. RK/FCA/Drawl to Jaishi/ 4495 Himachal Pradesh Forest Department

Dated Shimla-2, the 25-9-2023

DFO (Rural), Shimla. From:

To: CCF (T), Shimla.

Sub:

Diversion of 5.4794 ha. of Forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Rural Division Dhami, HPPWD for the Construction of link road from Drawl to Jaishi, km 0/00 to 7/965, within the jurisdiction of Shimla (Rural) Forest Division, and District-Shimla. (Online Proposal HP

FP/HP/ROAD/143552/2021.

Memo.

Kindly refer to the Integrated Regional Office letter No. FC/HPC/65/2023 dated 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 on the subject cited above.

In compliance to the decision taken by the Committee in the 59th Regional 2. Empowered Committee (REC), the alignment of the link road from Drawl to Jaishi Km 0/00 to 7/965 has been re-examined and jointly inspected by the Divisional Forest Officer (Rural), Forest Division, Shimla and Executive Engineer, Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department, Shimla Rural Division, Dhami on 12th September, 2023 and the revised Joint Inspection Report along with Layout Plan in distinct colors is attached herewith as Annexure-A & B. It is also submitted that the revised Joint Inspection has also been uploaded online in the Part-I under additional information details on Parivesh portal, please.

This is for favour of kind information and necessary action, please.

Encl.: As above

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Divisional Forest Officer (Rural), Forest Division, Shimla.

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Dated Shimla-2, the 25-9-2023

Copy along with a copy of the revised Joint Inspection Report as well as Layout Plan in distinct colors is submitted to the Nodal Officer-cum-Addl. Pr. CCF (FCA), O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF), HP for favour of kind information and necessary action, please.

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## Joint inspection report

With regards to the following observation raised by the Integrated Regional office vide letter no. FC/HPC/65/2023 dated 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

"The committee observed that alignment of the road needs to be re-examined by the DFO as the instant Site Inspection Report of the DFO is based only on visit of start and end part of alignment, as admitted by the DFO in the meeting. The REC directed that the complete alignment shall be jointly inspected by the DFO Shimla and Executive Engineer especially wrt existing kachha path and revised site inspection report shall be submitted with 15 days"

The proposed alignment was re-examined and joint inspection of the same was carried out on dated 12-09-2023 along with the Executive Engineer HPPWD Shimla Rural Division Dhami. The proposed alignment is involving 5.4794 hac. Forest land for the construction of link road from Drawl to Jaishi km 0/00 to 7/965, and involves most of the area of Forest land and certain portion of Pvt. owners. It is true that the revenue villages Drawl & Jaishi are already partly connected with road However, certain sub villages under revenue village Drawl & Jaishi i.e. revenue village Granwo & Saal are still unconnected from motor able road.

The existing katcha path visible in the KML is a jeep able road constructed in their private land by certain individuals to connect their houses at village Granwo and is having length of 1700 mtr. The said stretch of road being Pvt. is only utilized by the individual & is not open for general public of the surrounding areas.

Further the alternative proposals have been explored at site to reduce the forest land & felling of trees for the construction of the proposed road. In this regard it is reported that the change in alignment will not may affect

the process of revised gift deeds as the same may lead to larger chunk of Pvt. land and the includes population is mostly marginal land holders, Further most of the families are from economically weaker sections & will not be willing to donate extra inch of land for the said construction of the road as the villagers have already donated 0.3299 hac for the said purpose. Also the change in alignment may lead to diversion of more Forest Land as the same has been selected earlier on the basis of appropriate grade as well as larger beneficiaries.

The proposed road will directly facilitate the adjoining/surrounding villages of Gram Panchayat Bharara, being the head quarter in village Grawn which is still unconnected with any such road facilities. There is no direct road connectivity with villages Bharara, Jaishi, drawl and Sal to Panchayat head quarter Grawn. The people from these villages i.e. Bharara & Jaishi etc. have to rush at least 28.00 km extra stretch to reach the Panchayat head quarter at village Grawn. The villagers of villages Grawn, Drawl and surrounding villages of GP karyalii also travel 28 km extra to reach their Tehsil HQ Office, Senior Secondary School, Govt. College, Hospitals, daily need market, ITI etc. at Suni and Block Development Office at Basantpur. Hence the proposed alignment is most suitable to connect the maximum habitations of the area.

The villagers faces various problems as they have to take uphill to reach their village and is very difficult for them to transport their essential commodities up to their villages in the absence of the road, especially in view of rugged terrain and steep slopes. The villagers have to rush at least 28.00 km extra to reach end point by road from other side especially for cremation because the cremation point of all these villagers are located near Satluj River at Village Jaishi the line plan showing the road distance is attached for ready reference.

The proposed stretch of the road involves 240 saplings and 71 trees which belong to varied broad leaved species. Efforts can be made to translocate the 240 saplings which can lead to reduced fellings of trees in the instants case.

At present in the absence of motor able road the people of those villages are facing great difficulties in carrying their cash crops timely to the market. They have to pay huge amounts on account of manual / mule carriage of cash crops and essential commodities, the local product cannot be sent to the market well in time and the growers cannot get the proper values of their cash crops with the result that the people of these areas are living in extreme poverty. Hence link road to these sub villages has been proposed.

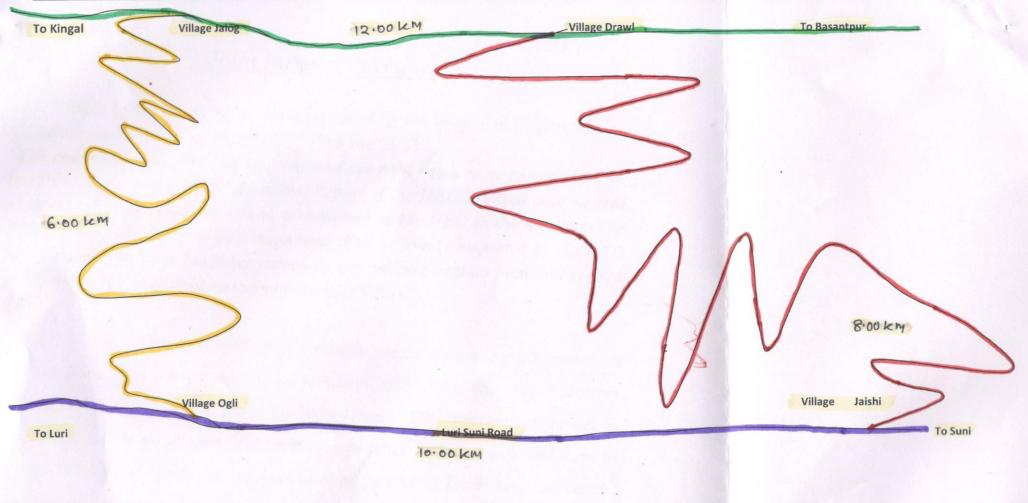
Keeping in view the facts narrated above, the proposal under consideration is the only suitable alignment to connect the villages Drawl, Saal, Granwo & Jaishi with road facility.

Divisional Forest Officer Shimla Forest Division

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Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division HPPWD Dhami.

## LINE PLAN SHOWING THE REDUCED DISTANCE FOR PROPOSED LINK ROAD FROM DRAWL TO JAISHI 0/000 TO 7/965 KM.



Road distance from drawl to Jalog = 12.00 km Jalog to Ogli = 6.00 km Ogli to Jaishi = 10.00 km

Total Distance = 28 km

Road length of proposed road = 7.965 km

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