

No.Ft. 48-5058/2020 (FCA),
Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh

From: Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1.

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

Subject: Diversion of 1.8086 ha. of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the
construction link road from Gahar Da Ghattu to Lanoh (Km. 0/0 to 3/510),
within the jurisdiction of Dalhousie Forest Division, Distt. Chamba, Himachal
Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Road /46910/2020).

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No. FC/HPB/06/59/2021 dated 23.09.2022 on
the subject cited proposal.

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

1. DFO Dalhousie has submitted that the road was constructed by the Forest
Department during the year 20A4-A6 under scheme RSVY for forestry
purpose, he informed that there cord of these expenditure/other relevant has
been weeded out by DFO Dalhousie vide his office order No. 1 5912016-17
dated 04.08.2016, copy of same has been uploaded on the portal by DFO in
online Part-II.
2. User Agency has submitted that all possible efforts to reduce the number of
Trees for felling shall be made by them during the construction of road.
3. Site Inspection reports/Comments of undersigned regarding the proposed road
are attached herewith.
4. The Soil Moisture Conservation Plan is not yet prepared. Hence, the
undertaking regarding soil Moisture Conservation Plan has been uploaded on
the portal by the User Agency in online Part-I.
5. Legible copy regarding length and width of road has been uploaded in online
Part-I against additional information.
6. The layout plan has been uploaded online and revised KML file of the
proposed road uploaded in online Part-I by the user agency.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

Signed by
Sanjay Sood
Date: 23.09.2024 11:53:25
Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA)
O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF), H.P.

Site Inspection report of Gahar da Ghatta – Lanoh road forest land diversion

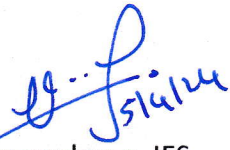
A site inspection of Gahar da Ghatta – Lanoh road forest land diversion was done by the undersigned Conservator of Forests, Chamba (T) Forest Circle on 5th April 2024. Inspection was done from running kilometer 0/00 km to the end point at 3/510 km.

The said road has already been constructed passing through Makolsu UPF and Parwat VII DPF of Lahru Beat, Chowari Range, Dalhousie Forest Division. As per records of DFO Dalhousie, the said jeepable kacha road was constructed during the years 2004 to 2006 under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana. The total length of the road passing through forest land is 2.681 km having an area of 1.8086 hectares. Currently, the road is kacha and jeepable serving a population of more than 1000 individuals across different villages.

Two muck dumping sites were also inspected at 0/00 and 1/700 kms and were found to be suitable for dumping the much generated in widening of the jeepable road, provided appropriate retaining walls are put in place and the muck is stabilized by planting trees, shrubs and grasses. There are at least three spots one in the beginning and two around 1/500 km where widening by cutting of slope can cause moderate erosion. This can be mitigated by meticulous slope cutting and ensuring retaining walls on upper slope of the road. Similarly, sufficient retaining walls need to be established on the lower slope along the road to prevent soil erosion and protect the forests.

Makolsu UPF falls under Chil (*Pinus roxburghii*) Working Circle and Parwat VII DPF comes under Protection Working Circle as per Working Plan of Dalhousie Forest Division. The vegetation comprises of chir pine trees and few broad leaved tree species. Endangered species of flora was not seen during the inspection. Interaction with field staff indicated the presence of fauna like Indian porcupine, barking deer and wild pig are seen occasionally in the region over a wider area.

Now, the H.P. Public Works Department intends to widen the road followed by metaling and tarring. There is no alternative road reaching Lanoh other than the instant kacha road. The road will also act as a barrier / break for forest fire in the chir pine forests of Makolsu UPF and provide access to afforestation sites near Lanoh.


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