

Through Online

No. RK/FCA/NHAI Package-II-Shakral to Dhalli Section/ 1788
Himachal Pradesh Forest Department

Dated Shimla-2, the 24-06-2023

From: DFO (Rural), Shimla

To: CCF (T), Shimla

Subject:

Diversion of 19.1788 ha of forest land in favour of NHAI for diversion of additional forest land requirement for four laning of NH-05 from Shakral Village to Dhalli Section (Shimla Bypass package-II from Kms 146+300 to 156+560 and Shimla Connectivity from Kms 0+000 to 0+725 for Design length -10.985) in already approved FCA case of the entire Section from Kaithlight to Dhalli, within the jurisdiction of Shimla and Shimla (MC) Forest Division, Distt. Shimla Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Road/154923/2022).

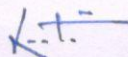
Memo,

May kindly refer to the Integrated Regional Office letter No. FC/HPC/06/181/2022 dated 21st June, 2023 on the subject cited above.

2. In compliance to the observation raised by the Integrated Regional Office vide letter referred to above, the point wise reply is given as follows:

Sl. No.	Observation	Compliance
1	In compliance to observation no. 01 of REC, the unutilized area of 4.8631 ha in already approved alignment having proposal number FP/HP/Road/9295/2015 in which 40.3 ha of forest land was approved by Ministry for diversion, is not surrendered so far. Therefore, same may be complied satisfactorily.	In this respect, it is submitted that the User Agency has informed to surrendering the Forest land of 4.8631 hectare vide office letter No. 11013/03/2012/S-D/Forest/PIU-SML/3032 dated 20 th March, 2023 copy of which has also been uploaded by the User Agency online on Parivesh portal in the Part-I under additional information details as "Point-wise reply to the EDS raised by IRO dated 06.03.2023" at Sl. No. 23 at page No. 11-12 in the pdf attached and accordingly the Joint Site Inspection has been done on 2 nd June, 2023 for taking over physical possession of unutilized area of 4.8631 hectare. The copy of the Joint Site Inspection is attached herewith, please.
2	In compliance to observation no. 03 of REC, the vegetation density of proposed diversion is not found updated from open forest to dense forest category in Part-II of PARIVESH 1.0. Therefore, same may be complied satisfactorily.	In this respect, it is submitted that the vegetation density of proposed diversion is updated online against Column No. 4 (i) of Part-II under Shimla Forest division which is 0.0825 for Class VI Eco-value, Dense Forest category and accordingly the Net Present Value (NPV) bill has been prepared and uploaded online in the Part-II against Additional Information Details at Sl. No. 2, please.
3	In compliance to observation no. 05 of REC, the Land Suitability Certificate and toposheet of 05 ha UPF Parech and 05 ha DPF Bargal are not found uploaded in Part-II of PARIVESH 1.0. Therefore, same may be complied satisfactorily.	In this respect, it is submitted that the Toposheet and Land Suitability Certificate of 05 ha UPF Parech and 05 ha DPF Bargal has been uploaded against Column No. 13 (iv) & (v) respectively in Part-II of PARIVESH 1.0.

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


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

Joint Site Inspection

Full Title of the Project: Diversion of 19.1788 ha of forest land in favour of NHAI for diversion of additional forest land requirement for four laning of NH-05 from Shakral Village to Dhalli Section (Shimla Bypass package-II from Kms 146+300 to 156+560 and Shimla Connectivity from Kms 0+000 to 0+725 for Design length -10.985) in already approved FCA case of the entire Section from Kaithlight to Dhalli, within the jurisdiction of Shimla and Shimla (MC) Forest Division, Distt. Shimla Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Road/154923/2022).

The Joint Site Inspection was conducted on 2nd June, 2023 with respect to taking over the physical possession of unutilized Forest area of 4.8631 ha. surrendered by the User Agency vide letter No. 11013/03/2012/S-D/Forest/PIU-SML/3032 dated 20th March, 2023 in already approved proposal number FP/HP/Road/9295/2015. The following Officers/Officials were present ^{from} of the Forest Department Himachal Pradesh and the National Highways Authority of India during the Joint Site Inspection.

1. Divisional Forest Officer (Rural), Shimla.
2. Forest Range Officer, Mashobra.
3. Forest Guard, Bhattakufer Beat.
4. Manager (Tech.), NHAI PIU-Shimla, HP.
5. Site Engineer, NHAI PIU-Shimla, HP.
6. Resident Engineer, Independent Engineer NHAI.

2. During the Joint Site Inspection, it has been found that NHAI did not undertake any road construction work in the surrendered Forest land area of 4.8631 ha and Boundary Pillars of the land were checked on site and the felling of Forest trees were taken up in the entire stretch of proposed road ~~exception~~ Khasra No. 278/2 Mohal - Dhalli (00-38-98 Ha) in which total 226 Nos. of forest trees are still standing.

3. During taking physical possession of the unutilized area of the Forest land of 4.8631 ha, it has also been found that the Forest land in parcels adjoin private land at various locations in which barricading may be required to avoid this land from encroachment.

Keeping in view of the facts narrated above, the unutilized Forest area of 4.8631 ha surrendered by the User Agency (National Highways Authority of India) is now in the possession of the Himachal Pradesh Forest Department within the jurisdictions of the Forest Division (Rural), Shimla. The copies of some photographs taken during the Joint Site are attached herewith for perusal, please.

Encl.: As above

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

