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**H. P. Forest Department,
Dharamshala Forest Division,**

Dated Dharamshala, the 27-04-2021

From: DFO Dharamshala To: CCF (T) Dharamshala.

Subject: **Diversion of 2.9696 Ha. of forest land in favour of Municipal Corporation Dharamshala, District Kangra for the construction of Solid Waste Management Plant in Up-Mohal Dharamshala, within the jurisdiction of Dharamshala Forest Division, Distt. Kangra, H.P. (Online no. FP/HP/Others/48483/2020).**

Memo,

Kindly refer to the EDS raised Online Portal on dated 06-03-2021 on the subject cited above. In this regard, reply of EDS raised is submitted as under:-

1. In this matter, User Agency has submitted that forest land in Up-Mohal Dharamshala is being used for dumping of solid waste of Dharamshala town prior to 1980. (Copy of letter is enclosed as Annexure-I). Further, User agency had identified above area for dumping solid waste away from the Dharamshala town to keep the urban environment clean.

2. Forest Department on various occasions has stopped the usage of this area for dumping solid waste of Dharamshala town, but due to non-availability of alternative area for dumping solid waste near Dharamshala town and in view of dumping of the garbage here and there in the surrounding areas by the Municipal, dumping posed the threat of spread of epidemic, hence dumping continued at this place. Executive Engineer, Dharamshala Municipal Corporation vide letter no. DMC/SANT (F)-12 (4)/2019-409 dated 27-04-2021 intimated that in compliance to directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh and recommendations made by the Local Commissioner appointed by the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh during the year 2018, steps were taken to treat the solid waste, so that an Eco-Friendly environment could be created.

3. It is further intimated by the Municipal Commissioner, Dharamshala Municipal Corporation vide above referred letter that the proposed site has been selected with due diligence and there is no other alternative available within the Municipality Area. Further, dumping of solid waste is being done in the already violated area measuring 0.75 Ha as reported earlier and the Municipal Corporation has not done any fresh violation in this case.

It is therefore requested to kindly reconsider proposal for diversion of 2.9696 Ha. of forest land for the construction of Solid Waste Treatment Plant at Dharamshala in District Kangra (HP).


Divisional Forest Officer,
Dharamshala Forest Division,
Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra (HP).