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No.Ft.48-3027/2022 (FCA)
H.P. Forest Department.

From: Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA)
O/o Pr.CCF, H.P, Shimla-1

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

Dated Shimla-1, the

Subject: **Diversion of 3.9705 hectare of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of link road from Padyalag, Dohru, Maryani, Chandoh, Dadhol Kalan, Patta, Dikhut (Km 0/0 to /450), within the jurisdiction of Bilaspur Forest Division, District Bilaspur, H.P.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to online EDS dated 27-7-2023 on the subject cited above.

1. CCF Bilaspur has intimated that the road is appearing at Sr. No. 209 in the list of 2183 roads constructed in violation of provisions of FCA,1980 which has already been reported to the Hon'ble High Court of H.P. The road is constructed before the year, 1980 and no record of violation is available in his office.
2. CCF Bilaspur has replied that the Engineer-in-Chief HPPWD, Shimla has authorized all the Executive Engineers under PWD organization in Himachal Pradesh to apply for the diversion of forest land for the construction of road and accordingly the then Executive Engineer Parkash Chand had applied for diversion of forest land in accordance with his official capacity and thereafter the said authority has been transferred from this office to another office and forest case is being dealt by the different Executive Engineer's in different official capacity. the case has been processed during year 2021 and enumeration of trees has also been carried out during the year 2021. Further CCF Bilaspur stated that at this stage it is not possible to mention the date of enumeration lists.
3. In reply to point No. 11, the complete Enumeration list including the compartment No. duly authenticated by the DFO has been uploaded at Sr. No. 7 against the additional information detail of Part-II. In reply to point No. 16, No trees are involved in dumping sites. In reply to point No. 17, As already intimated by the user agency that during the tree enumeration, all the trees and saplings which are susceptible for felling due to the execution of the project were considered. Further, it is submitted that during the project preparation and finalization of FCA case minimum Nos. of tree felling is involved. As proposed road is going to be constructed of 2-3 meter width due to which tree felling will be minimum. Hence, keeping in view all aspect there will be minimum damage to the vegetation and forest land. Hence, the proposed alignment has been found most suitable and acceptable to all.
4. In reply to point No. 19, As per approved working plan necessary document has been uploaded online. CA area is infested with lantana upto 75%. There is prevalence of other bushes as well in the area. The average lantana

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infestation in whole of the area is about 75% and density is below 20% as such this area is suitable/fit for raising of CA as per guidelines. Further, CA land Suitability certificate (Check list Sr. No. 20) is already placed in proposal folder.

Yours faithfully,

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