

No.Ft. 48-5731/2022 (FCA),
Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh

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

To: The Regional Officer,
Integrated Regional Office GoI, MoEF&CC,
CGO Complex, Shivalik Khand, Longwood,
Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

Dated Shimla-1, the **28 MAR 2023**,

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 laready 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 No. FP/HP/Road/154923/2022)**

Sir,

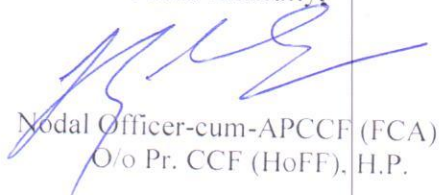
Kindly refer to your office letter No. FC/HPC/06/181/2022 dated 06.03.2023 on the subject cited proposal.

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

1. The user agency has submitted that the already approved FCA proposal no. FP/HP/Road/9295/2015 of 40.3 ha. of diversion of forest land, 35.4324 ha. of forest land is proposed to be utilized in both the Packages (Pkg 1-19.8144 ha. & Pkg 2- 15.618 ha.) and only 4.8631 ha. remains unused out of 15.619 ha. for PKG-II which has been handed over to the Forest Department, which has been uploaded against additional information details in online Part-I.
2. The user agency has uploaded revised KML file at para C in online Part-I.
3. The user agency has uploaded geological reports/studies carried for the proposed tunnel along with impacts and their mitigations measures alongwith undertaking for compliance against additional information details in online Part-I.
4. The user agency has uploaded the revised toposheet of proposed area at para C in online part-I.
5. The Chainage wise, Khasra number wise, component wise, forest and non forest area wise information of proposed project including length, width and dimensions of all components has been uploaded against additional information detilas in online Part-I.
6. The user agency has been uploaded Manual of Specifications and Standards for Four Laning of Highways against additional information details in online Part-I. Further, the user agency has uploaded the Plan showing chainage-wise width against additional information details in online Part-I.
7. The Khasra wise enumeration list of trees has been uploaged against additional information details in online Part-II.
8. The user agency has submitted that the various possibilities have been explored to save the trees proposed to be felled as mentioned below.
 - a. Between Formation width and PROW - It will be ensured that trees directly impinging upon the construction activity will only be felled. The trees standing on the space between the formation width and proposed right of way

- will be saved to the best possible extent during construction stage especially the trees of ecological importance like Deodar, Ban etc.
- b. Tunnel – Tunnel has been proposed over a length of 3.2 km which are considered as eco-friendly structures. There will be no tree felling over the tunnel area hence resulting in further savings of trees in comparison if there was no tunnel proposed.
9. The revised NPV bill has been uploaded against additional information details in online Part-II.
 10. The user agency has submitted that the Non availability of non-forest land Certificate has already been uploaded against additional information details in online Part-I Further user agency has submitted that the Non availability of non-forest land Certificate for Compensatory Afforestation is not required for Central Government agencies or Central Public Sector Undertakings as per prevailing practices and the same procedure was followed for Package-I.
 11. The Reclamation Plan of dumping site has been uploaded against additional information details in online Part-I.
 12. The user agency has submitted that the said muck disposal sites are strategic in location i.e. these are the nearest available sites near the project alignment. 77% of the sites are located adjacent to the alignment. If the lead distance of the site is increased transportation of muck will damage the existing pavement due to heavy weight of plying vehicles, increase the possibility of accidents and deteriorate the air quality thus causing public inconvenience. To avoid these, muck sites are partly proposed in forest land as no such suitable area is available in and around for such purpose in the non-forest area. Further, the project is already awarded and the contractor is on-board for construction, thus selection of alternate muck disposal sites is not feasible at this stage.
 13. The user agency has been uploaded revised Muck Management plan duly authenticated by DFO concerned against additional information details in online Part-I.
 14. The Site Inspection Report of has been uploaded at para 15 in online Part-II.
 15. The Site Inspection Report of DFOs concerned has been uploaded at para 15 in online Part-II.
 16. The comments of CWLW are enclosed herewith.
 17. The bill of Wildlife Management Plan as well as undertaking of the user agency has been uploaded against information details in online Part-I.
 18. The revised digital map has been uploaded at para C in online Part-I.
 19. The documentary proof of the CA Area has been uploaded online Portal.
 20. The revised KML file of CA Site has been uploaded at para 13 in online Part-II.
 21. The revised KML file as well as digital map and toposheet has been uploaded at para 13 in online Part-II.
 22. The undertaking of NoC the pollution control Board has been uploaded against additional information details in online Part-I.

Yours faithfully,


Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA)
O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF), H.P.

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Himachal Pradesh Forest Department

Dated Shimla-1, the 27-3-23

From: Principal CCF Wildlife and CWLW, HP Shimla. To: Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA) O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF) Shimla.

Subject: Diversion of 19.1788 hectare of forest land in favour of NHAI for diversion of additional forest land requirement for four laning of NH-05 from Shakral to Dhalli section (Shimla Bypass Package -II from Km 146+300 to Km 156+560 and Shimla connectivity from Km 0+000 to Km 0+725 for design length-10.980) in already approved FCA case of the entire section from Kaithlighat to Dhalli (Chainage from Km. 129.050 to Km 156.507) of NH-22 (New NH-05) for 40.3 hectare in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

Memo.

Please refer to IRO letter No. FC/HPC/06/181/2022 dated 06.03.2023 addressed to ACS (Fts.) to the GoHP with a copy to you on the subject cited above.

In this regard, it is informed that the matter has been got enquired into through CCF (WL) Shimla and on the basis of his report the comments of undersigned are as under:-

1. That the aerial distance of the proposed road from the boundary of Shimla Water Catchment Wildlife Sanctuary is 29.28 meters.
2. That the proposed road falls inside the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Shimla Water Catchment Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. CCF (WL) Shimla further stated that there may be adverse impact on SWC WLS which may be overcome by appropriate mitigation plan incorporating animal passage for wildlife corridor.
4. That the proposed road falls inside the ESZ and as per ESZ notification the widening and strengthening of existing roads fall under regulated activities (which is also mentioned at Point No. 16 in IRO's letter No. FC/HPC/06/181/2022 dated 06.03.2023) and **Mitigation Measures** are to be prepared as per applicable laws and rules.

However, while taking further necessary action in the matter it may be ensured that all the instructions, rules, stipulations and guidelines on diversion of land inside the Eco-sensitive Zone are strictly observed and adhered to.

This is for favour of information and further necessary action at your end please.


Principal CCF (WL) &
CWLW, HP