

No. FCA/(Suket)/ 9749
H.P. Forest Department.

Dated Mandi, the/ 28 MAR 2026

From: CF(T) Mandi.

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

Subject: -

Diversion of 10.6019 ha. of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of Dharli to Balag road Km 0/00 to 18/900 within the jurisdiction of Suket Forest Division, Distt. Mandi HP (FP/HP/Road/49449/2020).

Memorandum:

Kindly refer to the observations raised your of memo. No. Ft. 48-3971/2019/ (FCA) dated 17/01/2026 in the above cited case.

In this context, DFO Suket has submitted the reply of eds refered above, is as under:-

Sr. No.	EDS/Observations	Reply of Observations
1.	With reference to Observation No.4 GoI has asked to furnish details of mitigation measure to control soil erosion/landslide during and after project execution. Further, the soil and Moisture Conservation Plan, as prescribed under para 1.22(11) of the Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980has not yet been uploaded.	<p>The User Agency acknowledges the concerns related to slope stability and soil erosion in Suitable the proposed diversion mitigation measures are being incorporated to prevent accelerated soil erosion and landslide both during and after project execution. The proposed measures include:</p> <p>1. Structural Measures: Construction of retaining walls/breast walls and toe walls at vulnerable stretches to stabilize the slope.</p> <p>Adoption of bench cutting instead of vertical cutting to maintain a safe slope gradient.</p> <p>Provision of gabion structures, check dams, and contour barriers where necessary.</p> <p>2. Drainage and Runoff Management: Formation of well-designed catch drains, side drains, and cross drains to channelize runoff safely</p> <p>Construction of cut off drains above excavation zones to prevent surface water inflow</p> <p>Ensuring proper outfall points to avoid waterlogging and scouring</p> <p>3. Bio-engineering Measures: Grass turfing, brush layering, hydro-seeding, and plantation of deep rooted native shrubs and trees on exposed slopes.</p> <p>Adoption of vegetative barriers along the slope to minimize sheet erosion</p> <p>Use of coir matting/jute netting for temporary surface stabilization during construction.</p> <p>4. Construction phase Safeguards</p>

		<p>Minimizing open excavation during monsoon periods.</p> <p>Storage of excavated material only at designated safe locations with retaining measures.</p> <p>Regular monitoring of slope behavior by field engineers.</p> <p>5. Post-construction Restoration: Immediate biological restoration of disturbed areas.</p> <p>Long-term monitoring and maintenance of drainage structures and slope stabilization measures.</p> <p>Further, as required, the Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan (SMC Plan) is being prepared in accordance with Para 1.22 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, wherever applicable The SMC Plan will include detailed site-specific measures, maps, implementation timelines, estimates, and cost</p> <p>The User Agency assures full compliance with all guidelines and will adopt all necessary measures to ensure environmental and slope stability throughout the project lifecycle. "The Soil and Moisture Conservation (SMC) Plan has already been uploaded on the PARIVESH Portal under Part-I, 'Additional Information Details', at Column No. 9 for perusal and necessary action.</p>
2.	<p>In respect of Observations No. 6,7,8,11 and 16 the documents states to have been enclosed are neither attached nor uploaded in the appropriate columns. The requisite documents are required to be uploaded at the relevant column.</p>	<p>Observations with respect to Sr. No. 6,7 & 8 is now uploaded on online portal.</p> <p>With regard to point No. 11, it is submitted that the muck dumping plan has been duly authenticated by the undersigned and is uploaded on online portal. Further user agency has submitted that with reference to Point No. 16, the ESZ certificate has already been uploaded on the PARIVESH portal under Part-I "Additional information Details" at column No. 15.</p>
3.	<p>The Reply furnished against Observations No. 9 is vague and require review and resubmission with specific details.</p>	<p>User agency has submitted that the proposed dumping site cannot be shifted to non-forest land because no suitable non-Forest land is available in the vicinity of the proposed road alignment. The terrain and land use pattern of the surrounding area do not provide any feasible alternative dumping location outside the forest land. A comprehensive survey of the adjoining area was conducted to explore the availability of suitable non forest for muck dumping. However, due to constraints such as steep terrain in, non-availability of suitable private /government non forest land in proximity to the project site transportation limitations and environmental safety consideration no feasible non forest land could be identified for purpose. The proposed 0.809 ha forest land has been selected as the most technically viable and environmentally manageable option. Keeping in view slope stability minimum tree felling, safe retaining structure and proper drainage provisions. The muck dumping plan has been prepared with adequate mitigation measures including retaining walls, tow wall, garland drains, compaction and plantation over the stabilized dump site to prevent soil erosion and environmental degradation.</p>

4.	The list of trees on muck dumping sites, as sought by the GoI under Observations No. 10 has not been submitted.	There is no tree on the dumping site. Necessary certificate is submitted/uploaded.
5.	The details of trees sought under Observations No. 13 and 14 have not been revised in online Part-II and the revised tree list in required to be uploaded.	The revised detail of trees has been uploaded in online Part-II.
6.	In response to Observations No 17. The certificate of the Divisional Forest Officer, WL Kullu stated to have been uploaded is not found on the portal.	The certificate of the Divisional Forest Officer, WL Kullu has been uploaded on the portal.

This is for favour of kind information & further n/action at your end please.

Encls. As above.

Conservator Forests,
Mandi Forests Circle, H.P.