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H.P. Forest Department,

Dated Rampur , the 25-4-23

From: -CCF Rampur.

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

Subject:- Diversion of 1.8686 hac. of Forest land in favour of Technical Education Department for the C/o Govt. Polytechnic college at Dalash within the jurisdiction of Ani Forest Division. Distt. Kullu H.P Memo,

Memo,

Kindly refer to your office letter. No. Ft.48-5459/2021 (FCA) dated 03.03.2023 on the subject cited above.

The reply to the observations raised vide letter under reference is submitted as under:-

	Deficiencies	Compliance to the Deficiencies
1	This is a non-site-specific project. Para 1.15 of FCA Guideline as well as recent direction of MoEF &CC dated 24/01/2022 has categorically mentioned that non-site specific activities cannot be considered on forest land as a rule, For that matter, no non- site specific proposal can be entertained for considering approval under the FCA1980. Therefore, State Govt. may scrutinize the alternative in more details and must give complete justification establishing its inescapability for location the project in forest area.	DFO Anni has intimated that all the alternatives of non-forest land were explored, but in Himachal Pradesh, all waste land has been declared by state Govt. by 1952 notifications as forest land. "The notification issued on 15 th February, 1952 and it declared the promulgation of Chapter IV of the IFA on all Government forest land and Government owned wasteland and said that all those forests and wasteland were covered by this notification" Therefore, neither private land nor non-forest land is available for this project. Since the site is approachable and approximately located 10 km from Tehsil Head Quarter that has been identified during the year 2017 for the construction of Govt. Polytechnic College Dalash & it is a state level Institute. This is a project to give the technical education to the students and the beneficiaries include all the natives of state of Himachal Pradesh rather than the marked nearby villages only. It is agreed that all the alternative areas of private land or non-forest land had been explored. Since the people. In Himachal Pradesh, land holding is less & land acquisition is difficult. Further private land is very less around the proposed site and the patch of forest land identified for the said project is most suitable.

2	<p>Since this is a non-site-specific project is State Government may scrutinize the alternative in more detail and must give complete justification establishing its inescapability for locating the project in the forest area. Further, explored alternatives showing details of tree enumeration, area etc. may be provide and all alternatives explored are required to be marked on the KML file.</p>	<p>DFO Anni has intimated that during the project preparation and finalization of FCA case three sites were examined. In which proposed site was also examined. In the proposed site which was found suitable felling of trees i.e, 142 Nos (5 Nos Deodar, 59 Nos Kail, 78 Nos Populus deltoides) are involved. After examining other alternative they were not found feasible as these involves more forest land and more trees . 1st alternative was involving 1-87-91 hectare, forest land, and Nos of trees i.e. 154 nos (73Nos kail and 81 Nos deodar) and 2nd alternative was involving 1-90-91 hectare forest land & more trees i.e, 180 Nos (50 Nos Kail and 130 Nos Deodar). It is also submitted that population of 29000 of 15 Panchayats under the jurisdiction of Tehsil Anni will be benefited directly & indirectly Hence the proposed alignment has been found most suitable and acceptable to all. In this regards KML file along with alternate sites has been uploaded against appropriate column. in online Part -1 by the user agency.</p>
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Chief Conservator of Forests,
Rampur Bsr, H.P.

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