

No. RK/FCA/Link Road Kufri to Dak Bangla/ 1821
Himachal Pradesh Forest Department

From:

Divisional Forest Officer (Rural),
Forest Division, Shimla.

To:

The Executive Engineer,
Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department,
Shimla Division No. 1,
Shimla, Himachal Pradesh - 171003.

Dated Shimla-2, the 27-7-2024,

Subject:

Diversion of 0.8214 hectare of Forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department, Shimla Division No. 1, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh-171003 for the construction of link road from Kufri to Dak Bangla Km. 0/00 to 2/000, falls within the jurisdiction of Shimla (Rural) Forest Division, District-Shimla, Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/ROAD/147989/2021 dated 19th December, 2021).

Sir,

On perusal of the Proposal No. FP/HP/ROAD/147989/2021 dated 19th December, 2021 submitted online on Parivesh portal for the diversion of 0.8214 hectare of Forest land for the construction of link road from Kufri to Dak Bangla Km. 0/00 to 2/000 for want of approval of the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the following observations have been noticed which in-fact is required to be attended:-

1. On perusal of the proposal it has been found that the proposal has been made to construct the Link road from Kufri to Dak Bangla whereas the documents uploaded in the proposal have mentioned the subject as Dak Bangla to Kufri which creates confusion. The same may be reviewed and rectified, please.
2. As per Checklist Serial No. 8, total 0.1187 hectare of Non-Forest land is also involved in the Project, therefore, the NOC/Sale/Gift Deed/Consent of the Private land holders etc. for Non-Forest land acquired from Private individuals is required to be submitted and uploaded online in the Part-I under Additional Information Details, please.
3. Checklist No. 15 i.e. Species-wise and girth class-wise enumeration list and abstract of trees has not been found uploaded online. Therefore, the same may be collected from the concerned Range Forest Officer and may be uploaded online, please.
4. Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction is not found uploaded online on Parivesh portal.
5. List of trees coming in the Dumping site is also required to be obtained from the concerned Range Forest Officer and required to be uploaded online in the additional information details, please.
6. An Undertaking that the Trees coming in the proposed Dumping Sites duly authenticated by the DFO Concerned is also required to be submitted and uploaded online on Parivesh portal under Additional Information Details, please.

7. Checklist Serial No. 21 i.e. *“Certificate from the Chief Secretary regarding Non-Availability of Non-Forest land in the State for raising Compensatory Afforestation (CA), wherever applicable. This certificate will be based on the certificate signed by the DFO and Deputy Commissioner/Collector of the District concerned about Non-Availability of such Non-Forest land”* has not been found uploaded online in the Part-I under Additional Information Details. Whereas, the Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India is making observation in this respect that “the State Govt. shall submit a certificate regarding the Non-Availability of suitable Non-Forest land for raising Compensatory Afforestation (CA) in the format specified under Schedule III as mentioned in the Consolidated Guidelines And Clarifications Issued Under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 And Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023. Therefore, the User Agency may have a look at this and act accordingly, please.
8. An undertaking by the User Agency that there is no such existing trace/path in the proposed alignment and no FCA violation has been ascertained as on the date of submission of proposal is required to be submitted and uploaded online in the Part-I under additional information details, please.
9. On perusal of the KML file, it has been found that the Villages likely to be directly benefited have not been found marked in the KML file, please. Therefore, the same may be reviewed and ensured to mark the Villages going to be benefited from the project, please.

Therefore, The User Agency may please go through the shortcomings noticed above and attend the same within 15 days so that further necessary action into the matter could be taken accordingly, please.

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