

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: the August 21st, 2022

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forest)
Government of Himachal
Talland-Shimla

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 64.2016 ha (originally proposed: 75.3931 ha) of forest land for construction of North Campus of the Central University in favour of the Registrar, Central University, Himachal Pradesh at Dharamshala, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Others/39044/2019)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.Ft.48-3968/2019 (FCA) dated 19.07.2022 regarding submission of revised proposal on the above mentioned subject. As per the direction given by the Ministry's letter of even no. dated 23.01.2021, IRO Shimla has submitted the Site Inspection Report (SIR) to the Ministry on 01.03.2021. Based on the field visit and discussions with the State officials and the user agency, IRO Shimla has raised certain observations. In this regard, the State Government is requested to furnish the following information:

- i. As per the DSS analysis, the area has been calculated to be 60.32 ha instead of 64.2016 ha. KML file of Water pipeline, Main Road, Access Roads, Transmission line, sewerage line is given in form of line feature instead of polygon feature. Therefore, estimation of exact forest area involved in the current proposal is not possible. Correct KML file may be provided/upload in the *Parivesh* Portal.
- ii. Some construction is visible in the proposed CA site namely 'CFS Khanyara P15' (area 75.0 ha). Clarification may be provided or the revised KML file may be provided /uploaded in the *Parivesh* Portal.
- iii. As per the CA scheme, the total financial outlay is ₹2,65,35,122; however, column no. 13 (i) of Part-II on *Parivesh* portal shows this amount as ₹2,71,64,900. Clarification on this aspect may be provided.
- iv. Status of the construction activity on the proposed site for Satellite Campus at Dehra (approved by the Ministry in 2018).
- v. Status of the compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the previous approval given in 2018.
- vi. Status of the compensatory afforestation, survival rate, expenditure incurred in respect of the approval given in 2018.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Preet Pal Singh)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests.

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. APCCF cum Nodal Officer, (FCA), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
3. Regional Officer, MoEF&CC, IRO Shimla.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.