

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2439**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

**Construction of Central University, Dharamshala**

2439. MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has given approval for the construction of Central University, Dharamshala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total area on which construction work for the University has been approved by the Ministry?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (c). The Ministry accorded Stage 1 approval for diversion of 57.10 ha out of proposed area of 75.3931 ha of forest land under Section-2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as amended for construction of North Campus Central University, Dharamshala, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2023. As per information made available by the Government of Himachal Pradesh, the Central University, Dharamshala had applied for grant of Environment Clearance through the online portal PARIVESH vide online application No. SIA/HP/INFRA2/408859/2022 dated 01<sup>st</sup> December, 2022. The application was later withdrawn by the Central University from the PARIVESH portal and, as such, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Himachal Pradesh has not granted Environment Clearance for the construction of Central University, Dharamshala.

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