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To,

CCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FC),
Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment
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Sub: **Diversion of 36.2511 ha. of forest land for development of package-17 (KM 515+000 to KM 566+475) of Phase-II of Delhi-Katra Expressway, District Jammu and Reasi, UT of Jammu & Kashmir-reg.**

Ref: **i) Online proposal bearing on FP/JK/Road/146042/2021 received on dated 25.06.2022**
ii) Online reply from Nodal Officer J&K letter no. PCCF/FCA/3389/3880-81 Dated 27-08-2022.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the online proposal of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of **36.2511 ha.** of forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful examination of the information submitted by the Govt. of J&K as per reference(ii) above, the following information/clarification is still required to be submitted:

- i) The cost benefit analysis may be revised in view of revised rate of NPV from 6.1.2022.
- ii) The KML project site under Jammu Forest Division needs to be revised, because the area of the KML is 14.86 ha. while the actual area involved is 13.4242 ha.
- iii) The site inspection report uploaded under column 15 for Reasi Forest Division does not mention the date of inspection. The old Site inspection report has been submitted again.
- iv) Comment of CWLW is needed in view of the presence of wildlife in and around the proposed forest diversion in Jammu Forest Division and Jammu Wildlife Division including the detailed mitigation plan for impact of linear project on wildlife of the area. Indicative list of the eco-friendly measures to mitigate impacts of linear infrastructure on wildlife, published by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun may be referred to.
- v) Site inspection report of the DFO, Reasi Forest Division needs to be revised incorporating comments regarding rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna in the area, violation/non-violation of State Forest Act, FCA, 1980 etc. and specific recommendation.

3. The compliance to the above may be submitted within 30 days from the date of issue of this letter failing which the proposal shall be liable to be rejected for want of information.

Yours faithfully
Sd/-
(Raja Ram Singh)
DIGF (Central)
Regional Officer
IRO Jammu

Copy to: -

- i) The Divisional Forest Officer(s), Jammu Forest Division/ Jammu Wildlife Division/ Reasi Forest Division, Jammu & Kashmir
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