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To

The Commissioner Secretary,
Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment,
UT of Jammu & Kashmir,
Civil Secretariat
Jammu & Kashmir
(csforestjk@gmail.com)

Sub: **Diversion of 3.0375 ha of forest land in Kathua forest division in favour of XEN PWD Basohli for construction of road from Dabatlito Choatra Lahar & Sathla to Sarthan under NABARD, District Kathua, UT of Jammu & Kashmir” (Online proposal no. FP/JK/Road/52321/2020)-regarding.**

Ref: i) UT Admin of J&K online proposal received on dated 09.06.2021
ii) Online reply from Nodal Officer J&K letter no. PCCF/FCA/3217/5673-74 Dated-02-02-2022

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited subject and letters seeking prior approval of the Central government for the diversion of **3.0375 ha** of Forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the UT Administration of J&K, *in-principle* approval is hereby being conveyed for the diversion **3.0375 ha** of Forest land in **Kathua forest division** in favour of **XEN PWD Basohli for construction of road from Dabatlito Choatra Lahar & Sathla to Sarthan under NABARD, District Kathua, UT of Jammu and Kashmir**, subject to the following conditions:

(A). Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the UT Forest Department to the XEN PWD Basohli (User agency):

- i. Cost of compensatory afforestation as per CA scheme may be realized from user agency.
- ii. Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted for non-forestry purpose may be realized from the user agency, as per Ministry's directions issued vide letters No. 5-3/2011-FC(vol-I) dated 6th January 2022 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Order dated 30th October 2002, 28th March, 2008, 24th April, 2008 and 9th May 2008;
- iii. As per the orders of the Government of India vide letter No. 5-2/2010-CAMPA 24.06.2011, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land and all other CA levies shall be deposited through web portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change www.parivesh.nic.in.
- iv. User Agency should ensure that the compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.

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- v. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.

(B) Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval

- i. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged;
- ii. Efforts should be made to fell minimum number of trees and in any case not more than 113 trees and 1063 u/s poles and plants shall be felled. Any felling shall only be done under strictly vigilance of forest department after issuance of felling permission from concerned DFO;
- iii. Compensatory afforestation will be carried out over Degraded Forest land (DFL) upon 6.20 ha of land on Comp No. 9/K Gainthla, Tehsil- Mahanpur, District-Kathua as per proposed CA scheme, at a cost of ₹ 12,78,000/- (twelve lacs and seventy eight thousand) provided by the user agency;
- iv. Compensatory afforestation will be done within one year from the date of issue of final approval over the extent of land as approved, out of the funds provided the user agency;
- v. The UT Govt shall upload the KML files of the degraded forest area accepted for raising compensatory afforestation as well as the forest area proposed for diversion in the extant proposal in the E-Green watch portal;
- vi. The forest land being diverted shall be properly demarcated using RCC boundary pillars with forward/backward bearing and the GPS coordinates inscribed on them at the project cost.
- vii. No muck will be dumped in the forest land in context of undertaking given by UA of using muck on road itself;
- viii. The CEO state CAMPA authority shall ensure release of funds under CAMPA to the DFO for raising CA plantation as per CA scheme approved by this office;
- ix. The DFO shall ensure taking up plantation at approved CA sites and shall not after the approved sites without obtaining the permission of the competent authority;
- x. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal;
- xi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change;
- xii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change;
- xiii. The user agency shall raise strip plantation on both side and central verge of the road at the project coat as per IRC specification and maintain the same;
- xiv. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the forest areas;
- xv. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land including flora and fauna during the project implementation/operation;
- xvi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;

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The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court;

- xviii. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- xix. The Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change may revoke/suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. State government will ensure compliance of these conditions through forest department.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(C D Singh)

RO and Dy. DGF (Central)

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3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir, Van Bhawan, near Gummat, Jammu, UT of Jammu Kashmir (ccffcajk1@gmail.com).
4. CEO, CAMPA O/o PCCF (HoFF), U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir, Forest Complex, Sheikh Bagh, Near Lal Chowk, Srinagar, UT of Jammu Kashmir (jkcampacell@gmail.com).
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Kathua forest division, District Kathua, UT of Jammu Kashmir.
6. **XEN PWD Basohli**, PWD R&B division Basohli, UT of Jammu Kashmir (xendivisionbasohli@yahoo.com).

Signed by C D Singh

Date: 09-02-2022 15:58:48

Reason: Approved