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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 5.146 ha of forest land in Udhampur forest division in favour of NHIDCL Jammu for additional ROW requirement for development of two bridges located at km-2+250 to km-3+450 and km-10+100 to 10+560 of Chenani-Sudhmahadev Road (NH-244), District Udhampur, UT of Jammu and Kashmir (Online proposal no. FP/JK/ROAD/47304/2020)-regarding.**

Ref: i) UT Admin of J&K online proposal received on dated **05.03.2021**
ii) In-principle approval dated **21.06.2021**
iii) Letter of Govt. of J&K Forest, Ecology and Env. No **FST-Land0FC/32/2021-02** dated **19.01.2022**

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited subject and letters seeking prior approval of the Central government for the diversion of **5.146 ha** of Forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Vide this office letter of even no. dated **21.06.2021** in principle approval was accorded. The compliance of stage-I was received vide letter no. **FST-Land0FC/32/2021-02** dated **19.01.2022**

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the UT Administration of J&K, approval is hereby conveyed for diversion of **5.146 ha** of forest land for the above mentioned project, subject to the following conditions;

- i. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged;
- ii. Minimum number of trees/plants and in any case not more than **331** trees and **477** u/s poles will be felled;
- iii. 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;
- iv. The acquired muck dumping sites should be prepared appropriately before start of dumping to prevent downhill slide of muck;
- v. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal;
- vi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or persons without approval of the Central Government;

- vii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval off the Central Government;
- viii. The user agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road at the project cost as per IRC specification with maintenance of seven to ten years;
- ix. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land;
- x. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xi. The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court;
- xii. 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;
- xiii. Compensatory afforestation will be carried out over **14.70 ha** of land on Comp No. 87c/D, forest beat-Nagulta Tandhar, Block-Gharrian, Range-Dudu forest range of Udhampur forest range, Tehsil-Chenani, District-Udhampur as per proposed scheme, at a cost of **Rs.16,26,800-** provided by the user agency;
- xiv. 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 by the user agency;
- xv. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- xvi. Any other condition that this Regional Office may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- xvii. It will be the responsibility of the UT Administration/User Agency to obtain all other prior approvals/clearances under all other relevant Acts/Rules/ Court's rulings/instructions, etc. including environmental clearance, as applicable to this proposal;

3. The Ministry may revoke/suspend the clearance if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. UT Administration shall ensure fulfilment of these conditions through forest department.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(C D Singh)
RO and Dy. DGF (Central)
i/c IRO Jammu

Copy to;

1. The ADGF (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forests, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh, Aliganj, New Delhi (adgfc-mef@nic.in).

2. The Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir, Forest Complex, Sheikh Bagh, Near Lal Chowk, Srinagar, UT of Jammu Kashmir (pccfjkforest@gmail.com)
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, Udhampur forest division, District Udhampur, UT of Jammu Kashmir.
6. **NHIDCL Jammu**, District-Jammu, UT of Jammu Kashmir (nhidcljammu@gmail.com).

Signed by C D Singh

Date: 31-01-2022 12:26:04

Reason: Approved