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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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File No: 9-JKB-071/2021-Jammu

Dated: 26/05/2022

To,

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

Sub: **Diversion of 3.54 Ha. of forest land in Social Forestry Division Kathua for construction of Degree College Ramkot (Billawar), District Kathua, UT of Jammu and Kashmir(Online Proposal no. FP/JK/SCH/143125/2021)-reg.**

Ref: i) UT Admin of J&K online proposal received on 25.08.2021.
ii) In Principle approval dated 29.10.2021.
iii) Letter no FST-Land0FC/74/2021-02 dated 20.05.2022.

Sir,

Please refer to the above-cited subject and letters seeking prior approval from the Central government for the diversion of Forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Vide this office letter no. **9-JKB-071/2021-Jammu dated 29.10.2021 in-principle** approval was accorded. The compliance of stage-I was received vide **Letter no FST-Land0FC/74/2021-02 dated 20.05.2022 (Online Portal)**.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the UT Administration of J&K, *approval* is hereby conveyed for the diversion **3.54 ha** of Forest land in **Social Forestry Division Kathua** in favour of **Director Higher Education Department** for the above mentioned project, subject to the following condition:

- 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 **1249** Trees and **410** 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 in the E-Green watch portal of FSI, before handing over of forest land to the user agency.
- iv. No muck will be dumped in the forest land as the muck dumping sites have been identified on non-forest land.
- v. The DFO shall ensure that User agency shall not dump muck on forest land.
- vi. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal.

- vii. Divisional Forest Officer shall ensure that the approved CA site(s) is not changed without the approval of competent authority
 - viii. CEO State CAMPA shall ensure that the adequate funds under state/UT CAMPA are released to Divisional Forest Officer as per approved CA scheme
 - ix. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the Central Government.
 - x. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
 - xi. Compensatory afforestation will carried out over **8 ha Degraded forest land** on Compartment No. **16/Blr (Najot Reserve Forest)**, Tehsil-Billawar, Village-Baggan, District- **Kathua** at the cost **₹12,65,720/- (twelve lakh sixty five thousand seven hundred twenty only)** of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
 - xii. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land.
 - xiii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
 - xiv. The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court.
 - xv. 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.
 - 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 State Government/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/-
(Raja Ram Singh)
DIGF (Central)
Regional Officer
IRO Jammu

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