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पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, जम्मू / Integrated Regional Office, Jammu



File No: 9-JKC-096/2021-Jammu

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To

The Commissioner/Secretary,  
Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment,  
UT of Jammu & Kashmir,  
Civil Secretariat  
Jammu & Kashmir  
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Sub: **Diversion of 0.15 ha forest land of Social Forestry Division, Kathua in favour of Ex.EN PWD Basohli for widening of road from Phiter to Billawar road along with balance work of Billawar to Sukralla, District Kathua, UT of Jammu and Kashmir (Online proposal no. FP/JK/ROAD/141843/2021)-regarding.**

Ref: **UT Admin of J&K's online proposal received on dated 21.12.2021**

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited subject and letters seeking prior approval of the Central government for the diversion of **0.15 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 **0.15 ha** of Forest land in **social forestry division Kathua** in favour of Exen PWD Basohli for widening of road from Phiter to Billawar road along with balance work of Billawar to Sukralla, 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 ExEN 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 **letter 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, 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](http://www.parivesh.nic.in).

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- 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.
- v. The user agency shall handover the forest land free from all encumbrances after completion of work after 8 years to the forest department;
- vi. 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 33 trees shall be felled. Any felling shall only be done under strict 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 0.35 ha of land on Comp No. 18/Blr, Range-Billawar, Tehsil-Billawar, District-Kathua, as per proposed CA scheme, at a cost of Rs. 1,27,000/- 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. The DFO shall ensure that no muck will be dump in the forest land in context of undertaking given by UA of not generating any muck during the construction of road;
- viii. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal;
- 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 Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change;
- x. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change;
- xi. 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;
- xii. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the forest areas;

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- xiii. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land including flora and fauna during the project implementation/operation;
- xiv. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xv. The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court;
- xvi. 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;
- xvii. 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)

**Regional Officer****Dy. DGF (Central) &****i/c IRO Jammu**

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