



J & K Forest Department
Office of the Divisional Forest Officer
Ramban Forest Division, Ramban



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No. RFD/FCA/26-27/160

6th April, 2026

The Executive Engineer,
TLMD-III Udhampur

Sub: Raising of Zero Demand Bill for additional felling of 46 trees over 0.339 ha - Transmission Line Project-Reg.

Sir,

In reference to the Stage-I approval issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Jammu vide **File No. 9-JKA-083/2021-Jammu dated 24.01.2022**, regarding felling of additional 46 trees over 0.339 ha of forest land under Ramban Forest Division, it is submitted that the said area forms part of the already approved forest diversion proposal measuring 15.0318 ha sanctioned vide **Government Order No. 376-FST of 2019 dated 25.10.2019**.

As per the approval, it has been clearly recorded that Compensatory Afforestation (CA), Net Present Value (NPV), and all other applicable statutory levies for the entire forest land, including the said 0.339 ha, have already been deposited under the erstwhile approval.

The present proposal is only for felling of additional trees which were left out earlier due to oversight and does not involve any additional forest land or fresh diversion.

In view of the above, no additional financial liability is attracted. Accordingly, a **Zero Demand Bill** is hereby issued in favour of your department.

Enclosed: AA

Yours faithfully,

Anil V John, IFS
Divisional Forest Officer
Ramban Forest Division
Ramban

Annexure A

ZERO DEMAND BILL

Bill No: 01

Dated: 07/04/2026

Name of Work: Diversion of forest land for realignment of 132 KV D/C Chenani-Srinagar Transmission Line (Ramban-Banihal stretch).

User Agency: Executive Engineer, TLMD-III Udhampur

Details of Proposal:

Felling of additional 46 trees over 0.339 ha of forest land (Part of already approved 15.0318 ha)

S. No.	Component	Amount (₹)
1	Net Present Value (NPV)	0.00
2	Compensatory Afforestation (CA)	0.00
3	Any other charges	0.00
	Total	0.00

(Rupees Zero Only)

Justification:

The area measuring 0.339 Ha is part of the already approved forest diversion proposal vide **Government Order No. 376-FST of 2019 dated 25.10.2019**, for which all applicable levies including CA and NPV have already been realized. The present approval pertains only to felling of additional trees left out earlier and does not attract any additional financial liability.


Divisional Forest Officer
Ramban Forest Division
Ramban



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File No.9-JKA-083/2021-Jammu

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, जम्मू /Integrated Regional Office, Jammu

पता:-IWDP कॉम्प्लेक्स, नरवाल, जम्मू-180006

Address:- IWDP Complex, Narwal, Jammu-180006

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File No: 9-JKA-083/2021-Jammu

Dated: 24/01/2022

To

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

Sub: **Felling of additional 46 trees standing over 0.339 ha of forest land, District Ramban, UT of Jammu and Kashmir (Online proposal no. FP/JK/TRANS / 143878 / 2021)** in respect of "*Diversion of 15.0318 ha of forest land coming under the realignment of 132 KV D/C Chenani-Srinagar transmission line between Ramban and Banihal in Ramban division by PDD*" - regarding.

Ref: i) UT Admin of J&K online proposal received on dated 21.10.2021.
ii) Online reply from Nodal Officer J&K letter no. PCCF/FCA/3358/4066-61 Dated-03-12-2021.
iii) Minutes of the 3rd REC meeting held on 12.01.2022.

Sir,

This is the proposal for felling of additional 46 trees standing over 0.339 ha of forest land, District Ramban, UT of Jammu and Kashmir (Online proposal no. FP/JK/TRANS / 143878/2021) in respect of "*Diversion of 15.0318 ha of forest land coming under the realignment of 132 KV D/C Chenani-Srinagar transmission line between Ramban and Banihal in Ramban division by PDD*", which was granted approval under the erstwhile J&K Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997 vide Government order No. 376-FST of 2019 Dated 25.10.2019 involving felling of 114 trees and 588 poles/saplings.

2. The request of the State Government was examined in this Regional Office and after ascertaining from the DFO that the proposed 0.339 ha of forest land is a part of the already approved proposal for which CA, NPV and all other necessary compensatories were received by state government in erstwhile approval of the proposal, the proposal was placed in 3rd REC.

3. The Committee after detailed deliberation observed that the proposal is only for felling of 46 trees, which were left due to oversight by the field staff, and accorded approval for felling of these 46 trees in addition to already approved 114 trees and 588 poles/saplings.

4. In view of the approval of REC, the permission of felling of additional 46 trees is hereby conveyed to the State Government.

5. All other conditions of the approval granted under the erstwhile J&K Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997 vide Government order No. 376-FST of 2019 dated 25.10.2019 shall remain unchanged.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(C D Singh)

RO and Dy. DGF (Central)

i/c IRO Jammu

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1. The ADGF (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forests, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, JorBagh, 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 LalChowk, 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 (ceffcajk1@gmail.com).
4. CEO, CAMPA O/o PCCF (HoFF), U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir, Forest Complex, Sheikh Bagh, Near LalChowk, Srinagar, UT of Jammu Kashmir, (jkcampacell@gmail.com).
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Ramban forest division, District Ramban, UT of Jammu Kashmir.
6. **Executive Engineer TLMD 3 Udhampur**, District-Udhampur, UT of Jammu Kashmir (tlmdudh@gmail.com).

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Forest, Environment & Ecology Department.
Civil Secretariat.

Subject: Use of 15.0318 Ha. of forest land coming under the re-alignment of 132 KV D/C Chenani Srinagar Transmission line between Ramban to Banihal in Ramban Forest Division by PDD.

- Reference:**
- i. Minutes of 118th Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) Meeting held on 21.10.2019 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC) issued by Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer vide No. PCCF/FCA/3017/4601-28 dated 22.10.2019.
 - ii. State Administrative Council Decision No. 269/22/2019 dated 22.10.2019 conveyed by the General Administration Department.
 - iii. State Administrative Council Decision No. 189/19/2019 dated 30.07.2019 conveyed by General Administration Department.

Government Order No:- 376 -FST of 2019
Dated:- 25 -10-2019

Sanction is hereby accorded to the use of 15.0318 Ha. of forest land coming under the re-alignment of 132 KV D/C Chenani Srinagar Transmission line between Ramban to Banihal in Ramban Forest Division by PDD with the following particulars and subject to the fulfillment of terms and conditions appearing herein after:-

Details of the Proposal:

1.	User Agency/Applicant	PDD
2.	Location	Comptt. : 39/a, 38, 47/Ramban 4,5,7,54,55/Banihal Range : Ramban & Banihal Division : Ramban Forest Division District : Ramban
3.	Objective	For re-alignment of 132 Kv D/C Transmission line between Ramban to Banihal
4.	Salient Features of the project:	
	I	Forest area involved under towers 0.7569 Mtrs.
	II	Forest area covered under corridors 14.2749 Mtr
	III	Total forest area involved 15.0318 Ha.
	VIII	Protection work The details of protection works such as Breast/Retaining walls has been provided in DPR as per requirement.

*no (FCA)
P/F forward #
at Govt.
21/10/19*

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*The Govt. Sanction
Order above entered/
updated in the
Mangrove info
System dala on 28/10*

[Signature]

5. I. Number of Trees / Poles/ Saplings involved in Ramban Forest Division

Species	Trees (30-40cm & above)	Poles (20-30cm & 10-20cm)	Saplings (0-10cm)	Total
Deodar (<i>Cedrus deodara</i>)	0	18	13	31
Kail (<i>Pinus wallichiana</i>)	71	68	96	235
Chir (<i>Pinus roxiburghi</i>)	27	3	5	35
Broad Leaved: Sisoo (<i>Dalbergia sisoo</i>)	2	22	122	146
Total	100	111	236	447

II. Number of Trees / Poles/ Saplings involved in Social Forestry Division, Ramban

Species	Trees (30-40cm & above)	Poles (20-30cm & 10-20cm)	Saplings (0-10cm)	Total
Chir (<i>Pinus roxiburghi</i>)	10	04	05	19
Broad Leaved: Tona (<i>Toona ciliate</i>), <i>Rubinia</i> (<i>Robinia spp</i>), Sisoo (<i>Dalbergia sisoo</i>) etc	04	82	150	236
Total	14	86	155	255
Grand Total	114	197	391	(702)

6.	a	Whether the forest land proposed to be used for non-forest purpose forms part of a natural reserve, national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve or forms part of the habitat of any endangered or threatened species of flora and fauna or any area lying in severely eroded catchment.	No
	b	Whether the use of any forest land is for agriculture purposes or for the rehabilitation of displaced persons.	No
	c	Whether the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests had certified that it has, considered all other alternatives and that no other alternative in circumstances are feasible and that the required area is the minimum needed for the purpose, and	Yes
	d	Whether the department or authority requisitioning forest land for non-forest uses	The User Agency requisitioning forest land for non-forest purpose

	undertakes to provide at its own cost acquisition of an equivalent area and afforestation thereof.	has not undertaken to provide an equivalent area at its own cost of acquisition. It has however agreed to provide cost of afforestation on double the forest area. Further it has also undertaken to pay the NPV as per the Hon'ble Supreme court directions.				
7.	Net Present Value of forest land involved:					
	Comptt. No.	Area involved (Ha.)	Crop Density	Eco-Value Class	Rate/ Ha (Rs. In Lac)	Amount (Rs.)
	04, 05,07,54, 55/Banihal	9.702	Dense	VI	8.97	Rs.87,02,694/-
	39a/Ramban, 38/Ramban, 47/Ramban	5.3298	Open	VI	6.99	Rs. 37,25,530/-
	Total	15.0318				Rs. 1,24,28,224/-
8.	Compensatory Afforestation for double the area involved i.e. 30.0636 @ Rs.1 lakh per Ha.					Rs. 30,06,360/-
9.	Compensation of trees/poles/saplings					Rs. 30,30,792/-
10.	Cost of Transplanting of Saplings					Rs. 1,95,500/-

The User Agency shall pay the amount summarized below to the Forest Department.

S.No.	Component	Amount
i.	Net Present Value	Rs. 1,24,28,224/-
ii.	Compensatory Afforestation	Rs. 30,06,360/-
iii.	Compensation of trees/poles/saplings	Rs. 30,30,792/-
iv.	Cost of Transplanting of Saplings	Rs. 1,95,500/-
	Total	Rs. 1,86,60,876/-

Terms and Conditions:-

1. The proprietary and legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency and /or its contractors will not bring any forest area under their use, other than the actual area/activity approved by the Government for the instant proposal. Any laxity or deviation on this account by the User Agency or its contractors will attract penal provisions of the relevant Acts/legal provisions
3. The forest land shall be utilized only for the purpose for which it has been indented.
4. The forest land shall not be mortgaged, reassigned, leased or sub-leased by user agency in any manner what so ever to any other agency.
5. The User Agency shall pay the amount summarized above to the Forest Department.

6. The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined as per decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
7. (i) The extraction of the trees /poles/saplings shall be done by the State Forest Corporation/Divisional Forest Officer concerned on the basis of markings administratively approved by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu. The marking for tree felling will be done in consultation with the user agency and effort shall be made to save maximum number of trees/poles/saplings. The cost of extraction shall be borne and paid by the User Agency directly to the agency executing the extraction.
(ii) The fundamental rule for marking of trees, enumerated during processing of the proposals, will be to save maximum number of trees without compromising with the construction and maintenance of the approved project structure and no trees/poles/saplings will be felled/cut/pruned/ lopped for purposes/project activities other than those approved/sanctioned.
8. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls/breast walls on forest land and take all necessary steps to check soil erosion which may result due to proposed construction.
9. Extraction shall be done as per guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests vide its no. F.No. 7-25/2012-FC dated 5th May 2014, which has been formulated in consultation with the Central Electricity Authority. Extraction will be carried out in following steps:
 - a. *Marking list for felling of trees will be prepared by the local forest officer (DFO concerned) for the felling of trees coming in the alignment of foundation of towers and along the strip, as per requirement of the User Agency. Fundamental rule for the marking will be to save maximum number of trees without compromising with the construction and maintenance of the transmission line.*
 - b. *Forest area required for foundation of the towers and three meter strip below each conductor bundle, which would be marked by the User Agency on the ground, will be cleared first. Trees on this area will be felled, but after stringing work is completed, natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Felling/ pollarding/ pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the DFO concerned wherever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance. One outer strip will be left clear to permit maintenance of transmission line.*
 - c. *During construction of transmission line, pollarding/ pruning of trees located outside the width (three mt) of the strips, whose branches/parts infringe with conductor string, shall be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by local forest officer.*
 - d. *Pruning of trees for taking construction/ stringing equipments through existing approach/ access routes in forest areas shall also be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by local forest officer. Construction of new approach/ access route will however, require prior approval under the Act.*
 - e. *In the remaining width of right of way, trees will be felled or lopped to the extent required, for preventing electrical hazards by maintaining 4 meter of minimum clearance between conductor and trees.*
 - f. *To avoid any hazard, felling/cutting/pruning of those trees which because of their height/ location may fall on conductors shall also be permitted, as may be decided by the local forest officer.*
 - g. *In the case of transmission lines to be constructed in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees will not be cut except those minimum required to be cut for stringing of conductors.*
10. Any damage done to the forest by the User Agency or its contractors shall be charged from the User Agency @ 10 times as per the revised standard rate of 2018 issued vide the Government Order No: 10-FST of 2018 dated: 09.01.2018.
11. The forest land so allowed for use shall return to the Forest Department free of any encumbrances when it is no longer required by the User Agency.
12. The Transplantation of Poles (10-20 Cm) shall be done by the user agency in nearby degraded forest areas in consultation with the Forest Department.

13. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue before commissioning of the project.
 14. An amount of Rs. 1,86,60,876/- on account of various heads as detailed in summary table above shall be paid/credited through e-transaction into the account of the Chief Accounts Officer in the office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K under intimation to the Nodal Officer FCA.
 15. The approval will remain valid for one year and in case the due amount against the project summarized above is not paid within the stipulated period, the approval shall be deemed to have been cancelled.
- By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-
 (Manoj Kumar Dwivedi) IAS
 Commissioner/Secretary to Government
 Forest, Ecology & Environment Department.
 Dated: 25.10.2019

No:- FST/Land/53/2019
 Copy to the :-

1. Secretary to Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
2. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, PDD Department.
3. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K, Srinagar.
4. Managing Director, SFC, J&K, Srinagar.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.
6. CCF/Nodal Officer, FCA, Office of PCCF, J&K, Srinagar.
7. Chief Engineer PDD, J&K, Jammu.
8. Director Archives, Archeology & Museums, J&K, Srinagar.
9. OSD to Hon'ble Advisor (K) for information of Hon'ble Advisor
10. Pvt. Secy. to the Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC).
11. Pvt. Secy. to Commr./Secretary to Government, Forests, Env. & Ecology Department.
12. Pvt. Secy. to Secretary(Technical) Forests, Env. & Ecology Department.
13. Government Order file (w.2.s.c)/Stock file.

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To, DFO Ramban
 for information &
 necessary action

Under Secretary to Government
 Forest, Ecology & Environment Department

Conservator of Forests,
 Chenab Circle.

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K
 NO. PCCF/FCA/2932/6377-82
 Copy of above forwarded for necessary action to the.
 Dated 29-11-2019

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.
2. Chief Engineer, PDD Jammu
3. System & Operation Wing, PDD, Narwal Jammu.
4. Conservator of Forests, Chenab Circle, Doda.
5. Divisional Forest Officer Ramban Forest Division, Ramban.
6. Executive Engineer, TLMD-III, Udhampur.

No:- 4100. Dated:- 9-12-2019

Copy to Range office Ramban/
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 They will submit marking list
 of trees coming under the project

(Section Officer)
 FCA Section
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Divisional Forest Officer
 Ramban Forest Division