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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, जम्मू / Integrated Regional Office, Jammu

File No: 9-JKB-004/2022-Jammu

August, 2022

To,

Commissioner Secretary,  
Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment,  
U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir,  
Civil Secretariat  
Jammu & Kashmir  
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Sub: **Diversion of 2.65072 ha of forest land in favour of PMU Kishtwar, NHIDCL for construction and Up-gradation to 2-lane with paved shoulder from Km 80.675 (start of Kishtwar bypass) to Km 95+550 (end of helmet top bypass) of length 14.875 Km & link road from 0+000 to 1.871 of length=1.871 km total length=16.746 km (including link road) on Khellani-Kishtwar-Chattroo-Khanabal section of NH-244, District-Kishtwar, UT of Jammu & Kashmir (Online proposal no. FP/JK/ Road /143808/2021)-reg.**

Ref: i) UT Admin of J&K online proposal received on dated 07.02.2022  
ii) In-principle approval dated 18.04.2022  
iii) Letter of Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, Govt. of J&K, no. FST-Land0FC/5/2022-02 Dated 08.08.2022

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited subject and letters seeking prior approval of 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 of even no dated **18.04.2022** *in principle* approval was accorded. The compliance of stage-I was received vide letter no. **FST-Land0FC/5/2022-02 Dated 08.08.2022**

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the UT Administration, approval is hereby conveyed for diversion of **2.65072 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 **59 (47 in Doda & 12 in Kishtwar)** trees 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. No muck shall be dumped in the forest land in context of the undertaking submitted by User Agency.
- 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.

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The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or persons without approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

viii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

ix. 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.

x. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land.

xi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

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

xiii. 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.

xiv. Compensatory afforestation will be carried out over **2.47 ha** of land on Comp No. **26/Kesh**, Tehsil-Dharbshalla, Village-Ohli, District-Kishtwar and **4.00 ha** of Degraded Forest Land on Comp No. **65/K**, Tehsil-Kishtwar, Village-Pohie, District-Kishtwar as per proposed CA scheme, at a cost of **₹ 13,10,157/-** (thirteen lakhs ten thousand one hundred fifty-seven only) provided by the user agency.

xv. DFO shall ensure that compensatory afforestation will be done within one year from final approval over the extent of land as approved, out of the funds provided by the user agency.

xvi. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the direction of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

xvii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction material for execution of the project work.

xviii. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from the time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

xix. 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.**

Signed by Raja Ram Singh  
 Date: 23-08-2022 11:07:31  
 Reason: Approved

Yours faithfully,  
 Sd/-  
 (Raja Ram Singh)  
 DIGF (Central)  
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