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The Chief Conservator of Forests,
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No:- 7645/CFC

Dt:- 09-11-2021

Subject: 4 Laning of Ramban Banihal Section of NH-44(old NHIA) at CRITICAL LOCATIONS between km 151 and km 187 in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

PROPOSAL NO:-

FP/JK/ROAD145108/2021.

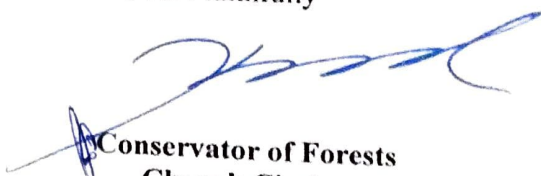
SITE INSPECTION REPORT

- 1). A proposal of NHAI is recommended by Divisional Ramban in Parivesh Portal for diversion of Forest land under Forest Conservation Act 1980 for non forestry purpose. The project envisages diversion of 81.1717 Hactare of Forest Land at Ramban Forest Division in District Ramban in favour of NHAI including the revenue forest for 4 Laning of Ramban Banihal Section of NH 44 (old NHIA) at CRITICAL LOCATIONS between km 151 and km 187 in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir from Ramban to Banihal in Ramban Forest Division in Union Territory of J&K. The site inspection of the spot involved in the proposal has been done by the undersigned on 09-11-2021.
- 2). On inspection of the site, it is found that the project requires diversion of 74.7347 ha of forest land falling in compptt.38/R, 39/R,40/R of Ramban Block Ramban Range and 54/Bnl, 55/Bnl of Chamalwas Block of Banihal Range and 6.437 hac of Revenue forest (Gair Mumkin Jhad) in village Seri, Maroog, Gaam, Sujmetna for 4 Laning of Ramban Banihal Section of NH 44 (old NHIA) at CRITICAL LOCATIONS between km 151 and km 187 in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.
- 3). The requirement of the forest land and felling of trees as proposed by the User Agency in Col-2 Part-I is unavoidable and bare requirement of the forest area.
- 4). No protected/heritage site/defence establishment etc. is located in the area.
- 5). Project may not effect the survival of wild animals as the project is near the human Habitation.
- 6). No violation of the Act has been carried out by the user agency as the work for this proposal is yet to be started which shall be allowed only after clearance of the proposal by competent Authority.

Specific Recommendation:-

The proposal may be accepted as per guidelines of Govt. of India, As the forest land proposed for diversion of 78.3877 Ha forest land (out of 81.1717 ha proposed) essentially required for 4 Laning of Ramban Banihal Section of NH 44 (old NHIA) at CRITICAL LOCATIONS between km 151 and km 187 in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir in Ramban Forest Division to provide road connectivity. Submitted by Divisional Forest Officer Ramban is recommended to be accepted.

Yours faithfully


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RECOMMENDATIONS WITH JUSTIFICATIONS

Component	Area involved(Hac)	Area recommended(hac)	justifications
Road, viaduct, Tunnel Tube,Tunnel Cross support, Tunnel Portal	46.4888	46.4888	4 Laning of Ramban Banihal Section of NH 44 (old NHIA) at CRITICAL LOCATIONS between km 151 and km 187 is recommended for clearance. The project is under progress since 2009. The constructions of the tunnels, viaduct at places prone to the landslides is very essential considering the geographical, edaphic and topographic facts. The area has high degree of slope and prone to the frequent landslides. By constructing the tunnels and viaducts, the damage to the environment and ecology will be reduced to minimum.
Muck Dumping site	34.6829	31.8989	6 No. Muck dumping sites have been proposed for diversion MDS1a Marog (2.7519 ha), MDS1b Marog (2.0535 ha), MDS2 Marog (15.7285 ha), MDS3 Digdole (3.1997 Ha). MDS4a Digole (4.6953 Ha) & MDS4b Digdole (6.2540 Ha) between km 151 and km 187. The muck dumping sites are required as huge amount of muck is to be generated due to the excavation works of underground tunnels and other allied works. There is little scope of the non-forest land to be acquired by the user agency for the dumping purposes in the nearby locations as most of the potential sites have already been exploited by the user agency and most of the stretch between km 151 and km 187 falls in forest land 12.059 Ha of forest land has already been diverted for 11 dumping sites on forest land in past in favour of NHAI and other executing agencies under erstwhile J&K Forest Conservation Act, 1997. All dumping sites are recommended for clearance except MDS4b Digdole. Out of the 6.2540 ha proposed for diversion of MDS4b, only 3.47 ha is recommended for clearance. An area of 2.784 is not recommended for clearance because the muck will directly fall in Bisleri River and the stream will get choked and polluted. The




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			<p>dumping is recommended with the following conditions that user agency shall ensure that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That there is no violation of any of the directions of the Hon'ble NGT O.A No. 295/16 titled Amresh Singh V/S Union of India and others. The directions and order has been uploaded under additional documents Part-II. All the directions and order issued under OA shall strictly be adhered.2. The dumping sites shall be stabilized with Engineering and Biological measures.3. User Agency advised to dispose muck as per proposed muck disposal plan. User Agency should built necessary structures like toe wall or crate works etc before disposal of muck at dumping site and dump muck as per best scientific or engineering practices.4. That there is no choking of the nallas / streams and other water bodies.5. There shall be no violation of any of the provisions of the water (Prevention and control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 etc.
Other facilities (Control room ventilation room, public toilet, Bus stand)			<p>These facilities are integral part of the project and hence recommended for clearance. All the facilities fall within the proposed alignment of the project, most of the stretch between km 151 and km 187 falls in forest land and hence are unavoidable. Most of the facilities proposed are component specific and cannot be shifted to the other locations. All the facilities are recommended for forest clearance with locations and dimensions mentioned in the layout plan.</p>
Total	81.1717	78.3877	

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