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**Certificate for suitability of area for Compensatory Afforestation**

The area for compensatory afforestation with respect to the forest land proposed for diversion under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in Forest Compartment No. 15/K of Kathua Range in Kathua Forest Division, Jammu & Kashmir with respect to the proposed Construction of 27 mtr Span double lane motorable steel Bridge over Sugul Khad at Gunni including construction of approach road Gunni to Sarthan by J&K, PWD (R&B) has been selected in 01 (One) patch of degraded Forest area within Kathua Forest Division falling in Forest Compartment No. 8/K of Kathua Forest Range. The selected patch for carrying out compensatory afforestation is degraded Forest area with canopy density less than 0.1. (10%). In order to reduce the biotic pressure as well as to improve the biodiversity alongwith Forest cover, the said patch is proposed for compensatory afforestation through aided-natural regeneration (ANR) and allied activities with plantation of suitable local broad leaf species in line with the prescriptions laid down in the Working Plan of Kathua Forest Division for the period 2017-18 to 2026-27.

  
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