## RECOMMENDATION OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KATHUA FOREST DIVISION

The proposed project envisages construction of Road from Dabathali to Choatra Lahar & Sathla to Sarthan by PWD (R&B) in Kathua Forest Division. The forest area proposed for diversion is 3.0375 ha falling in Compartments 14/K & 15/K of Basantpur Forest Block, Kathua Range. The project in the present instant is being executed by Executive Engineer, Basohli, Jammu & Kashmir Public Works Department (R&B) and is being funded under NABARD. It has been sanctioned under NABARD RIDF-XXII & XXV. The roads take off from village Dabathli & Sathla respectivly and surrounding areas are expected to be benefited by construction of these roads on their completion and will provide connectivity to a population of about 10,000 souls inhabiting village Dabathli and Sathla. Also it will provide alternate/shortest connectivity to Billawar, Basholi and Bani areas with District Head Quarter.

Therefore, in view of the envisaged benefits of the project for the local population it is recommended that the Project may be granted the Stage-I or In-principle approval.

Place: Kathua

Dated: 02.11. 202)

Divisional Forest Officer Kathua Forest Division Kathua