

Full Title of the Project : WSS Sumbal Bala Surfraw
File No. : FP/JK/WATER/126215/2021
Date of Proposal : 06-3-2021

Site Inspection Report

1. A proposal has been received by this office from **Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply Division Ganderbal (PHE, Jal Shakti Department)** for diversion (under FCA, 1980) of **0.29 hacs** of forest land for non-forestry purpose. The subject envisages the use of forest land for **Construction of Water Supply Scheme (WSS) Sumbal Bala Surfraw In Comptt. 34/Sindh block Gailwon by (PHE, Jal Shakti Department)**. The Site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done on **03-07-2021**. On the inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the User Agency is a forest land measuring **0.29 hacs**. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user Agency in Col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project.
2. Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area? If so, the details thereof: **No any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area.**
3. Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area? If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, is required : **No any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.**
4. The User Agency has not violated the provisions of the FCA, 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction : **The User Agency has not violated the provisions of the FCA, 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction.**
5. **Specific recommendations for acceptance or other wise of the proposal :**
 - (I) The area proposed for diversion is part of compartments 34/Sindh of Sindh Forest Range Kangan. Compartment 34/Sindh falls in Reboisement Working Circle.
 - (II) The area has relatively less dense vegetation with optimum density of around 30-40 % and the crop constitute mainly of Fir and Kail to some extent. However due to high altitude the area is also rich in medicinal plant with Kuth, Dioscorea Artemesia, Patees, Belladona, Dhoop, Kour etc as the main species.
 - (III) Since the area proposed for diversion is not huge and the project is non-linear, it may not have that much of an adverse impact on the local medicinal flora.
 - (IV) As such the project is recommended for diversion, however following few conditions may be put in place for compliance by the user agency to mitigate the damages to the forests :
 - a. That the Forest Land shall not be mortgaged or reassigned. It shall be used only for the purpose requisitioned.
 - b. That any damage caused by the user agency or its employees and people employed by the contractors shall be recovered from the user agency.
 - c. That the Forest Land if approved and used shall be returned to the Forest Department as and when not required by the user agency for the purpose it has been diverted.
 - d. That the user agency shall not dispose, dump any debris, soil, rock etc. in the adjacent forest area, but shall dispose off the same outside without causing any further damage to the adjoining forest areas.
 - e. That the user agency shall take required steps to protect and safeguard the land beyond used limits to save it from landslides, erosion etc.
 - f. That the user agency shall not cause any damage to the vegetation in surrounding areas during carriage of material, machinery etc and will take utmost care to protect and safeguard the vegetal cover in the area.
 - g. The user agency may put in efforts to help in propagation of the local flora by way of carrying out small plantation drives in and around the project.
 - h. Under CSR they may also ensure commitment in assisting the department for the conservation of the local medicinal flora.
 - i. The user agency will take extreme care in keeping the environment clean and avoid polluting the forest area and the feeder stream.

Place : Ganderbal

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