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Subject: - Recommendations

The project is recommended because the area to be diverted is small area 2.85 ha and the trees required to be felled are 85 only (Chir pine and broad leaved). The project will not have any major impact on flora and fauna of the area. Mitigation measures in the form of Compensatory Afforestation plan over 5.7 ha forest area has been proposed to mitigate the environmental loss due to the project. The proposed approach road is the only connecting link between Tunnel 14 and 15 which are being constructed for new railway line and the same is also an important part of disaster management plan. The approach road is part of the National Project i.e. Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla-Rail Link Project which is a strategically very important project. It is therefore recommended that the project may be cleared under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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