

FULL TITLE OF PROJECT: Construction of Bi-directional tunnel at km 83rd of length 495 m including approach road of 664 m and a Major Bridge of 110 m from km 82+675 to km 82+925 on NH - 244 in UT of Jammu & Kashmir on EPC mode.

Proposal No.: FP/JK/ROAD/44916/2020.

CHECK SERIAL NO. 15
SITE INSPECTION REPORT NOT BELOW THE RANK OF DCF

(For the forest land to be diverted under FCA)

1. A proposal has been received by this office from PIU Khellani, NHIDCL for diversion of Forest land under (FCA-1980) for non- forestry purpose. The project envisages diversion of 1.2 Hectare of the forest land at Kuligadh (Drabshalla) in the favour of PIU Khellani, NHIDCL for *"Construction of Bi-directional tunnel at km 83rd of length 495 m including approach road of 664 m and a Major Bridge of 110 m from km 82+675 to km 82+925 on NH - 244 in UT of Jammu & Kashmir"*. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by the undersigned on 26-04-2020.
2. On inspection of the site, it is found that land required by the user agency is Forest land measuring **1.2 hectares**.
3. The requirement of the land proposed by the user agency in col. 2 Part-I is unavoidable and bare minimum required for the project.
4. **Weather any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area, if so, details thereof.**
Leopard (*Panthera Pardus*), Jungle cate (*Felis chaus*), etc do exists in the area, but the said project may not effect their survival.
5. **Weather any protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area**
NO
- 6 (a). **The User Agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (conversation) Act 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction.**
YES
- 6 (b) **Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out.**
NO

Specific Recommendation:

- May be accepted as per guidelines of GOI, as the forest land proposed for diversion is essentially required for construction of underground Tunnel on Batote-Kishtwar National Highway at Kuligadh where heavy landslides occurs during winter causing loss to the human lives by road accidents beside blockade/ disruption to road for vehicular traffic.
- The User Agency has **not demarcated the forest area** by installing R.C.C pillars. An estimate in this regard has been prepared and is **Annexed** herewith as additional document. The estimated amount to the tune of Rs. 1.20 lakh shall be provided by the User Agency to the Forest department for the purpose

Date: 18-05-2020

Place: Kishtwar

Divisional Forest Officer,
Kishtwar