

## **PART-II (Recommendation)**

### **(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)**

Full Title of the Project: **Construction of PWD road Bani to Billawar Via Dhaggar, Dhaman and Deri-Gala Under CRF Phase 1st**

File No: **FP/JK/ROAD/121506/2021**

Date of Proposal: **03.02.2021**

1. Location of the project/Scheme:

- i) State/Union: Territory Jammu and Kashmir
- ii) District: Kathua
- iii) Forest Division: Billawar Forest Division
- iv) Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.): 1.505 Ha
- v) Legal status of forest : Reserve Forest
- vi) Density of vegetation: Varies between 0.3 to 0.5 (Details given in Revised NPV Calculation sheet) uploaded on PARIVESH
- vii) Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation / hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.): Already uploaded on PARIVESH Portal Part-II.
- viii) Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion: Not prone to erosion except few intervening stretches having precipitous slope
- ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest: 0 km.
- x) Whether forms part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed): No
- xi) Whether any rare/ endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area-if so, details thereof: No
- xii) Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required: No

2. Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined: Yes

3. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress: No

4. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme:

- i) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch: Already uploaded on PARIVESH.
- ii) Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries: Already uploaded on PARIVESH
- iii) Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.: Already uploaded on PARIVESH

- iv) Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme: Rs. 5.27 Lakh
  - v) Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests): Already uploaded on PARIVESH under the field "Additional Information Details".
5. Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col. 7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above: Uploaded on PARIVESH under the field "Additional Information Details"
6. Division/District profile:
- i) Geographical area of the district: 265100 Ha.
  - ii) Forest area of the district: 90500.50 Ha.
  - iii) Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases: 1293.31 Ha
  - iv) Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on
    - (a) Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation: 2054.88 Ha
    - (b) Non-forest land: 693.34 Ha
  - v) Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (date) 22.02.2023
    - (a) Forest land: 2054.88 Ha
    - (b) Non-forest land: Nil
  - vi) Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.

In view of the fact that the project is likely to provide enhanced connectivity to the remote villages located along the alignment and shall connect the two major towns (i.e., Billawar & Bani) of the hilly region of Kathua District, uplifting the local rural economy and enhanced connectivity resulting in ease of services delivery in the area thereof; and given the fact that the likely damage to be caused by the road construction shall be mitigated by the corresponding CA Scheme, the present FCA Case is recommended for the grant of approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for revised proposed area of 1.505 Ha.

**Place: Billawar**  
**Dated: 22.02.2023**

  
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