


Revised SITE INSPECTION REPORT w.r.t. FCA Proposal of Construction of 27 mtr Span double lane motorable steel Bridge over Sugul Khad at Gunni including construction of approach road Gunni to Sarthan by J&K Public Welfare Department (PWD)

S. No.	Items	Observation and Remarks										
1	Name of the Project and location (Range, Round, Beat)	Diversion of 1.71 ha. of forest land for non forestry purposes under FCA, 1980 in Kathua Range of Kathua Forest Division in respect of Construction of 27 mtr Span double lane motorable steel Bridge over Sugul Khad at Gunni including construction of approach road Gunni to Sarthan										
2	Name of User Agency	Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B), Basholi										
3	Date of Site Inspection	27-08-2022										
4	Extent (ha) and legal status of Forest land proposed for diversion	1.71 hac.										
5	a) Details of Forest land proposed for diversion and activity wise breakup of forest land.	The Forest Land proposed for diversion falls in the category of "Reserved Forest"										
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b) Density and Eco- value class	Density - 0.4 to 0.7 and Eco-Class - III											
6	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 details of alternative examined.	Yes										
7	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes details thereof.	No										
8	a) Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not.	Not very important in absence of records of rare, endangered, threatened species.										
	b) Detail of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof.	NA										
	c) Aerial distance from nearest boundary of any protected Area (Km)	2.90 km from Their Conservation Reserve										
	d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.	Moderately sensitive										
	e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required ? If yes, reasons thereof.	Pertains to Wildlife Division										
9	Details of vegetation:	Proposed Forest Area identified for diversion falls under Forest Types - Group 5 "Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests" as per Champion & Seth's Classification of India's Forests										
	a) Total number of trees to be felled	1,160										
	b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60cm	1,079										
	c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60cm	81										

10	Back ground note on the proposal (Short Summary)	The project for Construction of 27 mtr Span double lane motorable steel Bridge over Sugal Khad at Gunni including construction of approach road Gunni to Sarthan roads has been sanctioned under Central Road Fund (CRF), CRF-J&K-2017-18-251. The roads take off from village Gunni and surrounding areas are expected to be benefitted by construction of these roads on their completion and will provide connectivity to a populaton of about 10,000 souls inhabiting village Gunnu and other hamlets. Also it will provide alternate/shortest connectivity to Billawar, Basholi and Bani areas with District Head Quarter.
11	Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980? If yes, a details report of violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached.	No
12	Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	No
13	Details of catchment and cultivable command area under the project (if applicable)	NA
	Status of catchment area treatment plan to prevent silation of reservior (if applicable)	NA
14	Utility of the Project	Construction of 27 mtr Span double lane motorable steel Bridge over Sugal Khad at Gunni including construction of approach road Gunni to Sarthan will provide connectivity to a populaton of about 10,000 souls inhabiting village Gunnu and other hamlets. Also it wll provide alternate/shortest connectivity to Billawar, Basholi and Bani areas with District Head Quarter.
15	Whether land being diverted has any socio- cultural / religious values? Whether any scared groves or very old growth trees / forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion.	No
16	Any other important information related to project (Separate note may be attached, if required)	No
17	Details of documents and photographs enclosed:	Attached
18	Recommendation of the Inspecting officer (DCF)	Recommended for grant of Stage-I or In-Principle Approval


 Divisional Forest Officer
 Kathua Forest Division, Kathua

Place: Kathua

Date: 20-10-2022