

Site inspection report by an officer not below the rank of DCF/ DFO

(For the forest land to be diverted under FCA)

1. A proposal has been received by this office from Executive Engineer, PMGSY Division Ramnagar for Construction of Road from Kirchi to Seoj Dhar (JK14-408) for diversion (under FCA, 1980) of 7.0425 ha of forest land for non-forestry purpose in Sudhmahadev Conservation Reserve. The subject envisages the use of forest land for construction of road from Kirchi to Seoj Dhar (JK14-408). The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by on 19-11-2022. On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the User Agency is a Wildlife land (Sudhmahadev Conservation Reserve) measuring 7.0425 ha.
2. Whether any rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area? If so, the details thereof:

Flora: *The area of reserve is characterized by marked variation in topography, climate and altitude. As a result of which different types of vegetation occurs in the area. The broad leaved species are confined to the sides of nallahs and cooler, damp sides. Fir occurs in pure patches at places mixed with deodar and kail crop on moist pockets. The flora comprises of deodar, kail and fir etc. In deep shady nallahs broad leaved species like walnut, aesculu, prunus etc are found. The shrubs include viburnum and berberis species.*

Fauna: including Himalayan Tahr (Karth) Hamitragus jemlabicus (Near Threatened category species/Schedule-1), Musk Deer (Kastura/Rauns) Moschus moschiferus (Endangered/Schedule I), The Grey Himalayan Goral (Pijjar), Nemorhaedus goral (Near Threatened category species/Schedule-III), Serow (Urred) Nomoraedus sumatrensis (Vulnerable/Schedule 1), The Barking Deer (Kakkar) Montiacus montjak (Vulnerable Schedule I), Brown Bear (LalBhalu or reech), Ursos tibetanus (Least Concern/ Schedule 1), Common Leopard (Chitra), Panthera pardus (Vulnerable/ Schedule 1), Red fox Vulpus vulpus montana (Least Concern Schedule IV), Himalayan Monal Pheasant (Neel) Lophophorus simojanus (Least Concern/Schedule 1), Koklass pheasants (Ceriomismacrolophus), Western Tragopan (Mancheor), Tragopan melanocephalus (Vulnerable/Schedule I), White-crested Khaleej Pheasant (Chamman), Lophura leucomelanos (Least Concern/Schedule 1), Himalayan Griffon Vulture Gyps himalayensis (Near Threatened), Himalayan White Backed Vulture, Himalayan Golden Eagle Aquila

chrysaetosdephanea (Least Concern/Schedule I), Cheer Pheasant
Catreuswallaichi (Vulnerable/Schedule I).

The area sustains a healthy population of raptors and pheasants with most of the species being globally threatened. The area supports the breeding population of Himalayan Vulture Gypshimalayensis (Near Threatened), Egyptian Vulture Neophronpercnopterus (Endangered), and Bearded vulture Gypaetusbarbatus (Near Threatened). The pheasants include, Monal pheasant Lophophorusimpejanus, Koklas pheasantPucrasiamacrolopha and Chir pheasant Catreuswallichii (vulnerable).

3. Whether any protected archaeological / heritage site/ defence establishment or any important monument is located in the area? If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required: Nil
4. (a) User Agency has not violated the provisions of the FCA, 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction: Nil
(b) It has been found that the User Agency has violated the provisions of the FCA, 1980, a detailed report on violation is attached: Nil
(Note: Whichever of the above is applicable should be shown in bold letters)
5. Specific recommendations for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal.

Since, after initial 8-10 kms of the proposed road, which is passing through private land and forest area of Udhampur Forest Division as there is no permanent habitation in the area and the end point of the proposed road is not connecting any permanent habitation which has also been endorsed by the Executive Engineer, OMGSY Division Ramnagar (User Agency) vide office No. PMGSY/Drv/Rgr/4463-65 dated 28-02-2023. Moreover, terrain of the area is hilly having more than 70% slope. Thus the construction of a road in such a hilly terrain with having number of rare & endangered flora and fauna and having no permanent settlement/ habitation except movement of Kalaish pilgrims, nomads & grazers in summer for few months only, thus project length falling in the wildlife area can be avoided/ deferred.


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