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Full Title of the Proposal: Construction of Alternative Alignment of Lakhanpur-Thein Road Km 11th to 12th due to submergences of 2×39 Mtrs, R.C.C.T Girder Bridge on Nora Nallah (at 410.0 Mtrs Level) PWD (R&B) Division Kathua.

Proposal No.: FP/JK/ROAD/155190/2022.

Date of Proposal: - 07-05-2022.

Recommendation of the DFO/Wildlife Warden Kathua

A proposal has been received by this office from Er. Vinod Kumar, Executive Engineer P.W.D (R&B) Division Kathua for diversion (under FCA, 1980) of **2.84 Ha**. of forest land for non-forestry purpose and for Wildlife clearance. The subject envisages the use of forest land for the Construction of Alternative Alignment of Lakhanpur-Thein Road Km 11th to 12th due to submergences of 2×39 Mtrs, R.C.C.T Girder Bridge on Nora Nallah (at 410.0 Mtrs Level) PWD (R&B) Division Kathua. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on 10-05-2022. On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the User Agency is a forest land measuring 2.84 Ha. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the UA in Col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project.

The total length of road is **3.10 Kilometers**. The project area falls inside the Comptt. 16/KTH in Thein Conservation Reserve is **2.84 Ha**. Thus, total forest land (Reserved Forest) needs to be diverted from Thein Wildlife Conservation Reserve is **2.84 Ha** and **134** total no. of trees/sapling of mainly broadly species are involved in the proposed alignment.

The Construction of Alternative Alignment of Lakhanpur-Thein Road Km 11^{th} to 12^{th} due to submergences of 2×39 Mtrs, R.C.C.T Girder Bridge on Nora Nallah (at 410.0 Mtrs Level) PWD (R&B) Division Kathua shall provide quality connectivity to the public of 4 Numbers of Tehsils of Kathua District namely Billawar, Mahanpur, Basohli and Bani when completed. Besides, the said project has become inevitable because of submergences of 2×39 Mtrs, R.C.C.T Girder Bridge on Nora Nallah due to Shahpurkandi Dam Project. No significant negative impact on the corridor of the Wildlife is likely to occur with the current proposal on Thein Conservation Reserve. Therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Clearance by the Competent Authorities under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 may kindly be accorded.

No. WLW/K/2022-23/ **300**. Dated: 18-05-2022.

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