

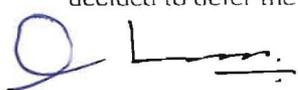
**MINUTES OF THE 19th MEETING OF THE REGIONAL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE (REC)
CONVENED ON 19th MARCH, 2018**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 (HARYANA)

File No.	Name of proposal	Online Proposal No.	Forest Land	U.A
9-HRC155/ 2015-CHA	Diversion of 9.265 hectares of forest land in favour of GM (Tech)-cum-PD, NHAI, PIU Chandigarh at Panchkula for 4 laning of NH -22 (New NH-55) from KM. 42.00 to 57.400 near Toll Plaza Chandimandir, under forest division Morni-Pinjore and district Panchkula, Haryana	FP/HR/Road /12422/2015	9.265 ha	NHAI PIU Chandigarh

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) discussed the above proposal and observed as under:-

1. The proposal envisages diversion of 9.265 hectares of forest land in favour of GM (Tech)-cum-PD, NHAI, PIU Chandigarh at Panchkula for 4 laning of NH -22 (New NH-55) from KM. 42.00 to 57.400 near Toll Plaza Chandimandir, under forest division Morni-Pinjore and district Panchkula, Haryana.
2. No tree/plants will be removed in the proposal.
3. Compensatory Afforestation is proposed on 18.530 ha forest land in R-70, C-1 and Penal Compensatory Afforestation is proposed on 92.650 ha forest land in R-70, C-1. The Compensatory Afforestation scheme involves maintenance of plantation for ten years.
4. The legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Protected Forest.
5. As the proposal envisages expansion of already existing road, there is no other alternative possible for the project avoiding forest land .
6. The proposed alignment is not passing through any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Elephant /Tiger Reserve.
7. The requirement of land is unavoidable and barest minimum.
8. There is violation reported in the matter for which Hon'ble Environment court, Kurukshetra has imposed a penalty of Rs. 92,65,400/-. The penalty has been realized from the user Agency.
9. The forest land is already in use.
10. No rare /endangered/vulnerable and endemic species of flora and fauna have been found/ recorded in the area.
11. No sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exists on the site and the forest land proposed for diversion is not having any socio-cultural/religious value.
12. There is no Protected Archeological /Heritage site/Defence establishment in the proposed area for diversion.
13. This proposal was examined and discussed in REC meeting held on 18th January, 2016 and REC decided to defer the proposal as the matter was pending in the court at that time.



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14. The State Govt. through Nodal Officer vide letter dated 04.12.2017 informed that the court case is now decided by the Hon'ble Environment court, Kurukshetra by imposing a penalty of Rs. 92,65,400/- which has been realized from the user Agency.
15. The proposal was discussed in the REC meeting held on 11.01.2018 and following information were sought from the state government on 01.02.2018:-
- i) Total period for which forest land required under column A1(x) is shown as nil which is not correct.
 - ii) Copy of document in support of the competence/authority of the person making this application to make application on behalf of the user agency under column A-3(xvii) is not correct.
 - iii) Original hard copy of FRA certificate and same be uploaded.
 - iv) Species-wise local/scientific names under column 4(ii) of Part-II is shown as 92650 trees whereas nil tree are required to be felled. Correction be made in column 4(ii) of part II.
 - v) KML file of the CA site uploaded under column 13(i) of part II is not working/opening. Accurate KML file of the proposed road in polygon shape file under column C(ii) of part I be uploaded
 - vi) DGPS map of the CA site uploaded under column 13(iii) is not correct. Google image is uploaded.
 - vii) Normal CA scheme of double the area to be diverted is provided as hard copy but not uploaded, which may be done now. Also the details of soil conservation works proposed in the scheme may be provided.
 - viii) Penal CA scheme of tall plants @1000 plants per hectare is provided and uploaded which may be re-casted by proposing planting of normal size of plants. Both normal & penal CA schemes be uploaded correctly in form A Part II 13 (ii) on-line.
15. The complete reply of the observations has been received on 16.03.2018.
- i. The online Form A (Part I & II) was shown to the committee along with DSS analysis of project site & proposed CA sites. There was no issue as far as project site is concerned but the proposed CA site R-70 C-1 (more than 100 ha) does not pin point the exact location where CA & Penal CA is to be carried out.
 - ii. The issue of imposing penalty for violation was deliberated in detail and it was decided to impose two times penal CA of the area affected being a Central Government agency. Accordingly the state government shall revise penal CA scheme. Now the total area of CA including penal CA would be 37.06 ha (18.53 + 18.53 ha).
 - iii. As the proposed CA site is not acceptable, alternate CA site would be required. The Nodal Officer, Haryana requested the committee to consider the proposal for approval and promised to provide alternate CA site of 37.06 ha and upload the same along with site suitability certificate of DFO.
17. On the specific request of Nodal Officer Haryana, the committee approved the proposal for according Stage I approval subject to the submission of following information:
- i) Alternate CA and Penal CA site (37.06 ha) along with KML file, DGPS map and site suitability certificate be uploaded on-line
 - ii) Revised Penal CA scheme of two times of the area affected be uploaded and hard copy provided.


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AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 (HARYANA)

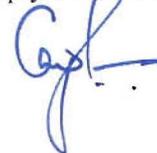
File No.	Name of proposal	Online Proposal No.	Forest Land	U.A
9-HRC084/ 2017-CHA	Diversion of 9.8769 ha (instead of 9.7884 ha) (7.6031 ha in Gurgaon Division and 2.2738 ha in Mewat Nuh Division) of forest land in favour of Resident Engineer, A.D.B. Project Division No. 1, PWD B&R Br. Faridabad for construction of new road Realignment of Sohna city from Km. 0 to 2 (RD 47.300 to 49.350) on Rewari-Sohnba-Palwal road NH 71 B, under Forest Division and District Gurgaon and Mewat Nuh, Haryana	FP/HR/ Road/16611/ 2015	9.8769 ha	Resident Engineer, A.D.B. Project Division No. 1, PWD B&R Br. Faridabad.

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) discussed the above proposal and observed as under:-

1. The proposal envisages diversion of 9.8769 ha (instead of 9.7884 ha) (7.6031 ha in Gurgaon Division and 2.2738 ha in Mewat Nuh Division) of forest land in favour of Resident Engineer, A.D.B. Project Division No. 1, PWD B&R Br. Faridabad for construction of new road Realignment of Sohna city from Km. 0 to 2 (RD 47.300 to 49.350) on Rewari-Sohnba-Palwal road NH 71 B, under Forest Division and District Gurgaon and Mewat Nuh, Haryana.
2. The proposal involves felling of 5 Trees and 7700 plants in Gurugram Forest Division and Nil trees in Mewat Nuh Forest Division.
3. The legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Protected Forest and Reserve Forest.
4. As the proposal envisages construction of new road realignment, there is no other alternative possible for the project avoiding forest land.
5. The proposed alignment is not passing through any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Elephant /Tiger Reserve.
6. The requirement of land is unavoidable and barest minimum.
7. No violation of Forest (Conservation), Act is there as per DFO's site inspection report.
8. No rare /endangered/vulnerable and endemic species of flora and fauna have been found/ recorded in the area.
9. No sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exists on the site and the forest land proposed for diversion is not having any socio-cultural/religious value.
10. There is no Protected Archeological /Heritage site/Defence establishment in the proposed area for diversion.
11. The proposal was discussed on REC meeting held on 18.05.2017, 23.06.2017 and 11.09..2017, the REC deferred the proposal for the next meeting with the advice that Regional Office, Chandigarh may obtain clarification on the issue from the MOEF&CC/ Ministry of Road Transport & Highways whether Resident Engineer, ADB Project Division No. 1, PWD B&R Br, Faridabad is a Central Government / Central Government undertaking or not.
12. The Regional office vide letter no. 9-HRC084/2017-CHA sought clarification from MoEF&CC on 02.06.2017 and reminder was also issued on 24.07.2017. The reply/clarification from MOEF&CC



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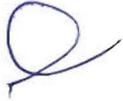




was received on 26.09.2017 and it is clarified that the dispensation granted to Central Government projects and Central PSU under Para 3.2 (ix) of FCA guidelines is not applicable to the State PWD B&R/State PWD B&R/State projects/State Government being implemented in the state.

13. On 07.12.2017 and 11.01.2018 the committee observed that the project proposals is being discussed in the last three meetings and if the user agency is not agreeing to provide equivalent non-forest land or change the user agency, the proposal may be closed.

14. There was no representation of User Agency. ^{in the 19th REC meeting discussions} The user agency has not taken any action as per clarification of the Ministry. The committee observed that sufficient time/opportunity has been given to the User Agency but no compliance is received so far, hence the REC decided to reject the proposal keeping in view the provisions of para 4.14 (i) of Handbook of FCA Guidelines.

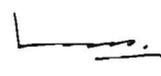
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 (HARYANA)

File No.	Name of proposal	Online Proposal No.	Forest Land	U.A
9-HRC026/ 2018-CHA	Diversion of 11.4911 ha of forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R Br, Hansi for upgradation of road from Karnal, Assandh, Jind, Hansi, Tosham, Sodiwas road (SH 12) pgd. wgd. stg. in km. 95.03 to 102.24 and 104.44 to 124.268 Total km. 27.038, under forest division and District Hisar, Haryana	FP/HR/Road /30134/2017	11.4911 ha	Executive Engineer PWD B&R Br, Hansi

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) discussed the above proposal and observed as under:-

1. The proposal envisages diversion of Diversion of 11.4911 ha of forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R Br, Hansi for upgradation of road from Karnal, Assandh, Jind, Hansi, Tosham, Sodiwas road (SH 12) widening, strengthening in km. 95.03 to 102.24 and 104.44 to 124.268 Total km. 27.038, under forest division and District Hisar, Haryana.
2. The proposal involves felling of 3702 trees.
3. Compensatory Afforestation is proposed on 22.982 ha forest land in Khanda Minor RD 0 to 15 L/R. The Compensatory Afforestation scheme involves maintenance of plantation for ten years.
4. The legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Protected Forest.
5. As the proposal envisages widening and strengthening of road, there is no other alternative possible for the project avoiding forest land.
6. The proposed alignment is not passing through any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Elephant /Tiger Reserve.
7. The requirement of land is unavoidable and barest minimum.
8. No violation of Forest (Conservation), Act is there as per DFO's site inspection report.
9. No rare /endangered/vulnerable and endemic species of flora and fauna have been found/ recorded in the area.
10. No sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exists on the site and the forest land proposed for diversion is not having any socio-cultural/religious value.
11. There is no Protected Archeological /Heritage site/Defence establishment in the proposed area for diversion.
12. This proposal was examined in the Regional Office and on 22th February, 2018 following information was sought from the State Government:
 - i) Correct KML file, DGPS map and SOI toposheet of CA site is uploaded online and same be submitted.
 - ii) Justification for not widening the road from KM. 102.24 to 104.44 be submitted.
 - iii) Status of road before km. 95.0 and after Km. 124.268 is not clear.

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iv) The project site is located at distance 7.88 km. from Bir Bara Ban conservation.

13. The complete reply of the observation has been received.

- i. The online Form A (Part I & II) was shown to the committee along with DSS analysis of project site & proposed CA sites. It was found that under column 14 of part II (District Profile), the figure of geographical area needs to be corrected.
- ii. The representative of the user agency informed the committee that the road portion from KM. 102.24 to 104.44 is already constructed into four lane, hence widening is not required. He further informed that the road portion before KM. 95.0 and after KM. 124.24 is not being taken up for widening at present.
- iii. Regarding the applicability of wildlife clearance, the committee was informed that Divisional Wildlife Officer, Hisar has replied that there is no threat of the wildlife if the widening of the road is done. Moreover, the linear projects which are exempted from environmental clearance under EIA Notifications do not require wildlife clearance as per clarification of the Ministry.
- iv. The committee found that the proposed CA site Khanda Minor RD 0 to 15 L/R has enough space for planting 22.982 ha.

15. After discussions, the committee approved the proposal for according Stage –I approval subject to the correction of geographical area of the district under column 14 of part II on-line.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 (HARYANA)

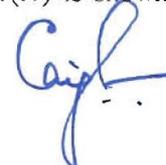
File No.	Name of proposal	Online Proposal No.	Forest Land	U.A
9-HRC036/ 2018-CHA	Diversion of 12.9201 ha of forest land in favour of Dy. Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. New Delhi for diversion of route of 765 KV S/C Agra-Jhatikra Transmission Line due to infringing the alignment of M/s Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. (DFCCIL), under forest division and District Nuh, Haryana	FP/HR/ Trans/25120 /2017	12.9201 ha	Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) discussed the above proposal and observed as under:-

1. The proposal envisages diversion of 12.9201 ha of forest land in favour of Dy. Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. New Delhi for diversion of route of 765 KV S/C Agra-Jhatikra Transmission Line due to infringing the alignment of M/s Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. (DFCCIL), under forest division and District Nuh, Haryana.
2. The proposal involves felling of 3200 plants.
3. Compensatory Afforestation is proposed on 22.982 ha forest land in Section 4 & 5 of village Mahu and Addl. CA is proposed on 6.400 ha forest land in Section 4 & 5 of village Mahu. The Compensatory Afforestation scheme involves maintenance of plantation for ten years.
4. The legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is PLPA.
5. The proposal envisages diversion of route of 765 KV S/C Agra-Jhatikra Transmission Line due to infringing the alignment of M/s Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. (DFCCIL), there is no other alternative possible to divert the existing line for the project avoiding forest land.
6. The proposed alignment is not passing through any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Elephant /Tiger Reserve.
7. The requirement of land is unavoidable and barest minimum.
8. No violation of Forest (Conservation), Act is there as per DFO's site inspection report.
9. No rare /endangered/vulnerable and endemic species of flora and fauna have been found/ recorded in the area.
10. No sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exists on the site and the forest land proposed for diversion is not having any socio-cultural/religious value.
11. There is no Protected Archeological /Heritage site/Defence establishment in the proposed area for diversion.
14. This proposal was examined in the Regional Office and on 28th February, 2018 following information was sought from the State Government:
 - i) Shape of forest land proposed to be diverted under column A-1(iv) is shown as non linear instead of linear.



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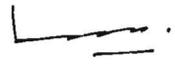
- ii) Original hard copy of FRA certificate and the same is not uploaded under additional information details.
- iii) Approval of the project by competent authority.
- iv) Site suitability certificate of plantation of addl. CA of 6400 plants .
- v) No. of towers in forest land and in non-forest land.
- vi) KML file of CA site has been checked on DSS. The polygon area of CA is only 15.0 ha and target plantation is 32.240 ha. Alternate/additional CA site for planting in 17.24 ha alongwith KML file, DGPS map, SOI toposheet and site suitability certificate be uploaded and hard copy be provided.

15. The complete reply of the observation has been received.

- i. The online Form A (Part I & II) was shown to the committee along with DSS analysis of project site & proposed CA sites. It was found that under column 14 of part II (District Profile), the figure of geographical area needs to be corrected.
- ii. CA is proposed on Section 4 & 5 of PLPA area of village Mahu which is highly degraded site and requires site specific treatment with effective soil & water conservation measures in order to carry out successful plantation. The Nodal Officer, Haryana agreed to provide site specific scheme within 3 days and requested The Committee to consider the proposal for according Stage I approval.

16. After deliberations, the committee approved the proposal and decided to accord Stage I approval subject to the submission of following information:

- i) Revised site specific CA scheme shall be provided and uploaded on-line.
- ii) Under district profile the geographical area of the district (in ha) under column 14 of part II shall be corrected.

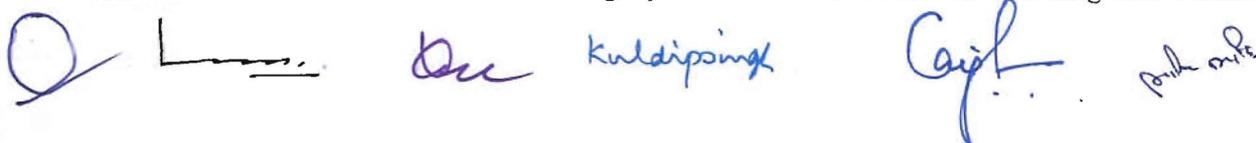
     

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 (HARYANA)

File No.	Name of proposal	Online Proposal No.	Forest Land	U.A
9-HRC057/ 2018-CHA	Diversion of 34.4 ha. of forest land closed under Section 4 & 5 of PLPA 1900 in favour of Head Administration, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, NRC Biotech Science Cluster Faridabad for setting up of Translation Research Teaching and Training in Biotechnology & Animal Research Laboratory at village Bhankri on Gurgaon-Faridabad road, under forest division and District Faridabad, Haryana	FP/HR/ Others /26794/ 2017	34.4 ha	Head Administration, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, NRC Biotech Science Cluster Faridabad

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) discussed the above proposal and observed as under:-

1. The proposal envisages diversion of 34.4 ha. of forest land closed under Section 4 & 5 of PLPA 1900 in favour of Head Administration, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, NRC Biotech Science Cluster Faridabad for setting up of Translation Research Teaching and Training in Biotechnology & Animal Research Laboratory at village Bhankri on Gurgaon-Faridabad road, under forest division and District Faridabad Haryana.
2. The proposal involves felling of 1153 trees & 6849 plants.
3. Compensatory Afforestation is proposed on 68.796 ha forest land in RF Kanti, Mukanpura, Sohla and Salimabad and Addl. CA is proposed on 13.698 ha forest land in RF Kanti, Mukanpura, Sohla and Salimabad. The Compensatory Afforestation scheme involves maintenance of plantation for ten years.
4. The legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is PLPA.
5. As the proposal envisages setting up of Translation Research Teaching and Training in Biotechnology & Animal Research Laboratory, there is no other alternative possible for the project avoiding forest land.
6. The proposed alignment is not passing through any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Elephant /Tiger Reserve.
7. The requirement of land is unavoidable and barest minimum.
8. No violation of Forest (Conservation), Act is there as per DFO's site inspection report.
9. No rare /endangered/vulnerable and endemic species of flora and fauna have been found/ recorded in the area.
10. No sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exists on the site and the forest land proposed for diversion is not having any socio-cultural/religious value.
11. There is no Protected Archeological /Heritage site/Defence establishment in the proposed area for diversion.
12. (i) While examining the proposal online, it was found that earlier an area of 9.64 ha (23.75 ~~Ac~~) of forest land has been diverted for setting up of Translation Research Teaching and Training in

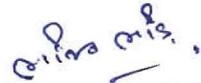


Biotechnology & Animal Research Laboratory at village Bhankri on Gurgaon-Badkhal road, under forest division and District Faridabad, Haryana vide this office approval letter no. 9-HRB302/2007-CHA dated 07.05.2008. The present proposal is the extension of the earlier one.

(ii) The representative of the user agency informed the committee that the total area of 125 acres is required for the project. The forest clearance for 23.75 acres (9.64 ha) is already taken and the present proposal of 85 acres (34.4 ha) is submitted. Hence, there is a shortfall of 16.25 acres. It was suggested that the present proposal should be modified to include the left over area as well.

(iii) It was discussed in the meeting that the present proposal being extension of earlier proposal is now of 44.04 ha (9.64 ha+ 34.4 ha) which is beyond the competency of the REC as the proposal is non-linear.

13. In view of this, the REC decided to return the project with the advice to submit the project directly to the Ministry as per provisions of Rule 6(3)(b) of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 as amended from time to time.


(Gaurav Gaur)
Member


(V.N. Sharma)
Member


(Kuldeep Singh)
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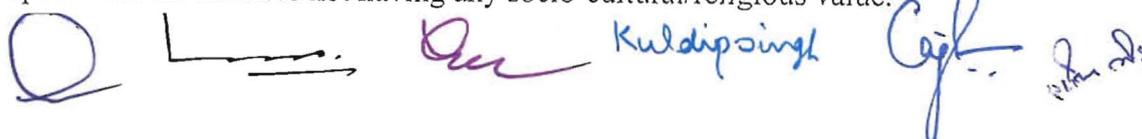
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COMMITTEE (REC) CONVENED ON 19th March, 2018**

AGENDA ITEM NO.1 (PUNJAB)

F.NO	Name of the Project	Online Proposal No.	Area	U.A.
9- PBB312/ 2018- CHA	Diversion of 0.4352 hectare of forest land in favour of Salasar Hydro Urja Pvt. Ltd. for construction of mini hydro project at Changali Khurd RD 90000 on Ferozpur feeder lower capacity 1.5 MW, Tehsil Ferozpur under Forest Division and District Ferozpur, Punjab	FP/PB/ HYD/27628/ 2017	0.4352 ha	Salasar Hydro Urja Pvt. Ltd.

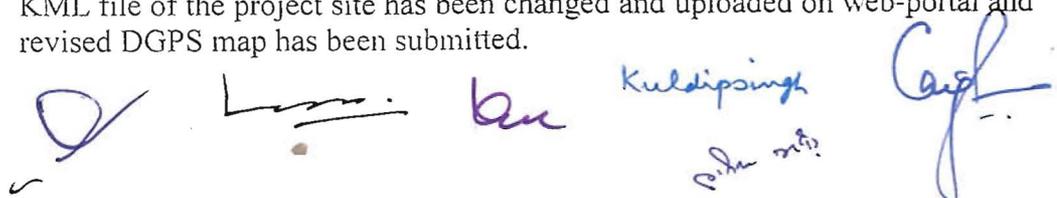
The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) discussed the above proposal and observed as under-:

1. The proposal envisages diversion 0.4352 ha of forest land in favour of M/s. Salasar Hydro Urja Pvt. Ltd. for construction of 1.5 MW Mini hydro project at Changali Khurd on Ferozpur Feeder.
2. It envisages construction of 3x500 KW turbines to generate 1.5 MW power with vertical Kaplan Turbines using Siphon Intake Technology.
3. It envisages a run-off-canal project to utilize the existing waterfall of about 2.0 meter at RD 90000 on Ferozpur Feeder. There is no other alternative possible for this project.
4. The legal status of the 0.4352 ha forest land proposed for diversion is Protected Forest. The project also involves about 0.12 ha (30m x 40m) non-forest land.
5. The proposal involves felling of 7 trees and 42 plants.
6. The requirement of land is unavoidable and barest minimum.
7. No violation of Forest (Conservation), Act is there as per DFO's site inspection report.
8. No rare /endangered/vulnerable and endemic species of flora and fauna have been found/ recorded in the area.
9. No sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exists on the site and the forest land proposed for diversion is not having any socio-cultural/religious value.


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10. There is no Protected Archeological /Heritage site/Defence establishment in the proposed area for diversion.
11. CA over 1.088 ha is proposed on Sarhand Feeder RD 80-120 R/s, District Faridkot and Additional CA over 0.168 ha is proposed on Jalalabad-Galib road, km 0-25 B/s, in Mehna Beat, Moga Range in District Moga. The CA scheme involves maintenance of plantation for ten years.
12. The Committee also noticed that this proposal was examined in the Regional Office on 12.03.2018 and following information were sought from the State Government:-
- i. According to LOA issued by PEDDA on dated 11.08.2014, this case was scheduled/commissioning up-to December, 2016 (F.Y. 2016-17). Revised LOA to be submitted.
 - ii. KML file of the project site is matching with DGPS map but the area of the forest land seen in given polygon is not correct. Area of the forest land which is given in green polygon is 150 square meter whereas the diverted forest land is 4352 square meter. Please upload the correct KML according to diverted forest area and change the DGPS map accordingly.
 - iii. The area of forest land is not correctly marked on layout plan, therefore area calculation could not be checked. Please send the area calculation sheet/blue print of layout plan showing proper dimensions of diverted forest land.
 - iv. Component wise area is to be submitted.
 - v. Copy of MOU signed with State Government is to be submitted.
 - vi. Copy of implementation agreement is to be submitted.
 - vii. Layout plan approved by the competent authority is to be submitted.
 - viii. NOC from Fisheries Department is to be submitted.
 - ix. Online Part-2 under column 2 diverted forest land, legal status of land, under column 3 district profile and under column 4 (i) density of vegetation is not mentioned by DFO concerned.
13. The State Government through Nodal Officer (FCA) has submitted complete reply on 16.03.2018 as detailed below:-

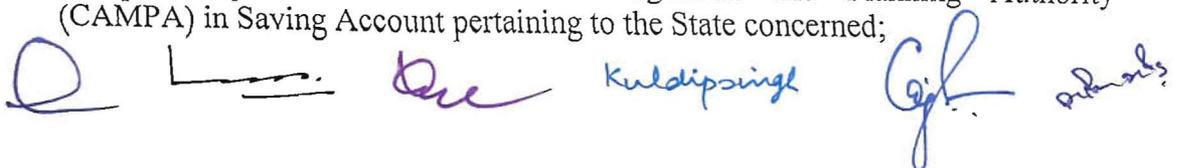
- i. Revised LOA issued by PEDDA has been submitted indicating the commissioning by 24.02.2019.
- ii. KML file of the project site has been changed and uploaded on web-portal and revised DGPS map has been submitted.



- iii. The area of forest land proposed for diversion showing with proper dimensions on layout plan has been submitted.
 - iv. Component wise area has ^{been} shown on layout plan.
 - v. The user agency has replied that MOU is not applicable on this project.
 - vi. Copy of implementation agreement has been submitted.
 - vii. Layout plan approved by the competent authority has been submitted.
 - viii. NOC from Fisheries Department has been submitted.
 - ix. Online Part-2 correction have been made by DFO concerned in the relevant columns.
14. While examining the proposal offline and online, the Committee observed that that the copy of Form no. DIR-11&12 indicating the status of present Director and the past Director of the firm is not clear and the detailed justification in locating the proposal is also not given. These documents were furnished by the User Agency in the meeting.
15. In view of the above and after going through the presentation on DSS (Decision Support System), the REC decided to recommend the proposal for diversion of 0.4352 hectare of forest land in favour of M/s. Salasar Hydro Urja Pvt. Ltd. for construction of 1.5 MW Mini hydro project at Changali Khurd on Ferozepur Feeder under Forest Division Ferozepur, with following standard terms and conditions:-

(A)

- i) Cost of compensatory afforestation as per CA scheme may be realized from the user agency;
- ii) Cost of the addl. compensatory afforestation as per ACA scheme may be realized from the user agency;
- iii) Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted for non-forestry purpose may be realized from the user agency, as per Ministry's directions issued vide letters No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 5th February 2009 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Order dated 30th October 2002, 28th March, 2008, 24th April, 2008 and 9th May 2008;
- iv) The User Agency shall deposit payments only on Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change web portal <http://forestsclearance.nic.in> OR <http://efclearance.nic.in>;
- v) All the funds received from the user agency under the project, except the funds realized for regeneration/demarcation of safety zone, shall be transferred to Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) in Saving Account pertaining to the State concerned;

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- vi) User agency should ensure that the compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV, etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance;
- (B) The following conditions shall also be complied with after the final approval is accorded:-
- i. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged;
 - ii. Efforts should be made to fell minimum number of trees and in any case, not more than 7 trees and 42 plants will be removed.
 - iii. The User Agency will take up plantation on their own cost under supervision of the State Forest Department on vacant spaces on the proposed Office/Stores/ steel yard, etc.
 - iv. The trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
 - v. The CA will be carried out over 1.088 ha forest land as per the CA scheme and the funds will be provided by the user agency. The plantation will be done within one year from the date of issue of this letter. In addition, 84 tall plants (6-10 feet high) shall be planted (0.168 ha).
 - vi. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal;
 - vii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the Central Government;
 - viii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
 - ix. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land;
 - x. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
 - xi. The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court;
 - xii. The user agency shall carry out muck disposal at pre-designated sites in such a manner so as to avoid its rolling down and should be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department;
 - xiii. The required soil conservation measures should be taken up by the user agency for which fund should be provided as per the current rate of works;

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- xiv. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- xv. The boundary of the forest land being diverted shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC pillars, each pillar inscribed with the serial number, GPS coordinates, forward and backward bearings and distance from pillar to pillar etc.;
- xvi. Any other condition that this Regional Office may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- xvii. The User agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry regularly;
- xviii. It will be the responsibility of the State Government/User Agency to obtain all other prior approvals/clearances under all other relevant Acts/Rules/ Court's Rulings/instructions, etc., including environmental clearance, as applicable to this proposal;
- xix. After receipt of the compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions under para-14 (A) above, final approval order under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be given. **The use of forest land will not be allowed till final approval is accorded.**



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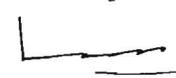
File No.	Subject	Online Proposl No.	Area (in ha)	User Agency Name
9- PBC315 /2018- CHA	Diversion of 29.9107 ha. (instead of 29.8593 ha) of forest land (0.2799 ha PF + 17.6310 ha of closed under PLPA 1900 + 11.9998 ha de-listed under PLPA) in favour of IOCL for laying of 12.75" OD underground petroleum branch pipeline along with OFC from village Jhungian (Distrcit SBS Nagar, Punjab State) to village Pekhubela (District Una, Himachal) under Forest Division and District Nawanshahar at Garhshankar, Punjab	FP/PB/Ot hers/ 23031/ 2018	29.9107	IOCL

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) discussed the above proposal and observed as under:-

1. The proposal envisages diversion of 29.9107 ha of forest land in favour of IOCL for laying of underground petroleum pipeline from village Jhungian in District SBS Nagar, Punjab to village Pekhubela in District Una, Himachal Pradesh.
2. The project envisages for laying of 12.75" OD underground petroleum branch pipeline from existing Panipat-Ambala-Jalandhar pipeline to proposed Pekhubela Terminal Plant in Himachal Pradesh covering about 61 km distance. The proposed pipeline crosses strip forest land at various places along with PLPA land. There is no other alternative possible for the project avoiding forest land.
3. The proposal involves felling of 1163 trees, 129 poles and 20 plants.
4. The 29.9107 ha of forest land comprises of 0.2799 ha strip forest of Protected Forest status, 17.6310 ha of forest land having legal status closed under PLPA-1900 and 11.9998 ha of forest land having legal status de-listed under PLPA-1900.
5. The proposed alignment is not passing through any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Elephant /Tiger Reserve.
6. The requirement of land is unavoidable and barest minimum.
7. No violation of Forest (Conservation), Act is there as per DFO's site inspection report.
8. No rare /endangered/vulnerable and endemic species of flora and fauna have been found/ recorded in the area.

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9. No sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exists on the site and the forest land proposed for diversion is not having any socio-cultural/religious value.
10. There is no Protected Archeological /Heritage site/Defence establishment in the proposed area for diversion.
11. While examining the proposal offline and online as uploaded on web portal, the Committee observed that the CA site Ballawal PF has 20.0 ha space instead of 11.0 ha, Kathgarh-7.0 ha instead of 5.0 ha, Bachhuwan PF -3.0 ha instead of 8.0 ha, which were proposed originally and all other CA sites remains unchanged.
12. CA is proposed over 60 ha of degraded forest land spread over 10 sites including Bana PF1 patch (8.0 ha); Ballawal PF1 patch (20.0 ha); Kathgarh PF 1 patch (7.0 ha); Raipur PF 1 patch (7.0 ha); Lallewal PF 1 patch (2.0 ha); Malupota Minor RD 0 to Khatkar Kalan Pull b/s (4.0 ha); Dhussi Bandh Rd 90-170 b/s (9 ha); Bachhuwan PF 1 Patch (3 ha); and Addl. CA shall be carried out on 0.596 ha (298 tall plants) on Satluj Bandh RD 10-30 1 Patch. The Compensatory Afforestation scheme involves maintenance of plantation for ten years.
13. The Committee also noticed that this proposal was examined in the Regional office on 12.03.2018 and following information were sought from the State Government:-
 - i. NOC from NHAI.
 - ii. Valid NOC from PPCB.
 - iii. Addl. CA for tall plants in lieu of 129 poles and 20 plants.
 - iv. No of trees uploaded on line is not correct. 1152 no of trees is uploaded instead of 1163. Please upload the correct no. of trees online.
 - v. CA site namely Satluj Bandh from RD 10 to 30 PF 1 patch-3.0 ha is not included in the site suitability certificate.
 - vi. KML file of the project site is not proper format it is given in line feature. KML file of the project site is required in single polygon shape.
 - vii. CA sites namely NH344-A Nawanshahar to Chandigarh road km 2-6 L/s PF 1 patch- 2.5 ha, NH344-A Nawanshahar to Chd road km 2-6 R/s PF 1 patch- 2.5 ha, is along road side which is not allowed. Please send the alternate CA sites.
 - viii. CA sites namely Satluj Bandh from RD 10 to 30 PF 1 patch- 1.74 addl. area required, Malupota Minor RD 0 to khatkar Kalan Pill, R/s PF 1 patch- 0.46 ha addl. area is required, Banga-Jandiala Katiarian road km 4-7, R/s PF 1 patch- 1.33 ha addl. area is required, Banga-Jandiala Katiarian road km 4-7, L/s PF 1 patch- 1.0 ha addl. area is required.

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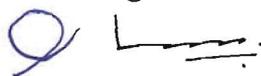
13. The State Government through Nodal Officer (FCA) has submitted complete information on 16.03.2018 as detailed below:-

- i. NOC from NHAI has been submitted.
- ii. Valid NOC from PPCB has been submitted.
- iii. Addl. CA for tall plants in lieu of 129 poles and 20 plants has been submitted.
- iv. Online no of trees has been correctly uploaded.
- v. CA site namely Satluj Bandh from RD 10 to 30 PF 1 patch -3.0 ha has been included in the site suitability certificate.
- vi. KML file of the project site has been uploaded in polygon shape.
- vii. CA site along-with road side has been changed.
- viii. All CA sites in which area was less, has been complied.

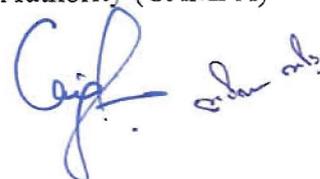
14. After deliberations the Committee approved the proposal for diversion of 29.9107 ha. of forest land in favour of IOCL for laying of 12.75" OD underground petroleum branch pipeline along with OFC from village Jhungian in Punjab to village Pekhubela in Himachal Pradesh under Forest Division Nawanshahar at Garhshankar and decided to accord Stage-I approval subject to the following conditions:-

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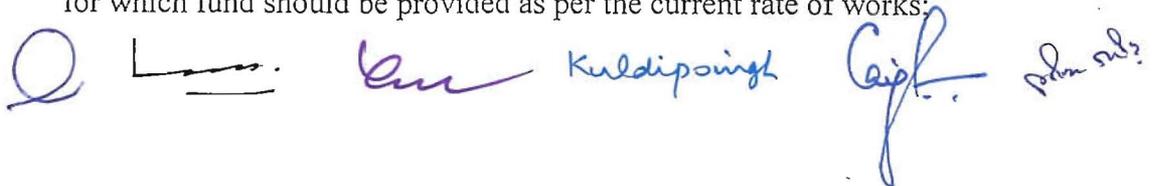
- i. Cost of compensatory afforestation as per CA scheme may be realized from the user agency;
- ii. Cost of the addl. compensatory afforestation as per ACA scheme may be realized from the user agency;
- iii. Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted for non-forestry purpose may be realized from the user agency, as per Ministry's directions issued vide letters No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 5th February 2009 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Order dated 30th October 2002, 28th March, 2008, 24th April, 2008 and 9th May 2008;
- iv. The User Agency shall deposit payments only on Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change web portal <http://forestsclearance.nic.in> OR <http://efclearance.nic.in>;
- v. All the funds received from the user agency under the project, except the funds realized for regeneration/demarcation of safety zone, shall be transferred to Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) in Saving Account pertaining to the State concerned;



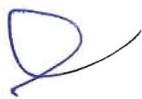
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- vi. User agency should ensure that the compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV, etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance;
- (B) The following conditions shall also be complied with after the final approval is accorded:-
- i. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged;
 - ii. Efforts should be made to fell minimum number of trees and in any case, not more than 1163 trees, 129 poles and 20 plants will be removed.
 - iii. The trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
 - iv. The CA will be carried out over 60.00 ha forest land as per the CA scheme. The plantation will be done within one year from the date of issue of this letter. In addition, 298 tall plants (6-10 feet high) shall be planted (0.596 ha).
 - v. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal;
 - vi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the Central Government;
 - vii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
 - viii. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land;
 - ix. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
 - x. The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court;
 - xi. The user agency shall carry out muck disposal at pre-designated sites in such a manner so as to avoid its rolling down and should be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department;
 - xii. The required soil conservation measures should be taken up by the user agency for which fund should be provided as per the current rate of works;

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- xiii. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- xiv. The boundary of the forest land being diverted shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC pillars, each pillar inscribed with the serial number, GPS coordinates, forward and backward bearings and distance from pillar to pillar etc.;
- xv. The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the flora and the wildlife available in the area;
- xvi. The User agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry regularly;
- xvii. It will be the responsibility of the State Government/User Agency to obtain all other prior approvals/clearances under all other relevant Acts/Rules/ Court's Rulings/instructions, etc., including environmental clearance, as applicable to this proposal;
- xviii. After receipt of the compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions under para-14(A) above, final approval order under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be given. **The use of forest land will not be allowed till final approval is accorded.**



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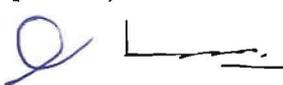
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AGENDA ITEM NO.3 (PUNJAB)

F.NO	Name of the Project	Online Proposal No.	Area (in ha)	U.A.
9- PBC596- 2014- CHA	Change of CA site under Forest Division Ferozepur regarding diversion of 145.9015 hectare {61.7614 ha in Ferozepur Forest Division + 31.2838 ha in Sangrur Forest Division + 52.8563 hectare in Jalandhar Forest Division} of forest land in favour of Central Works Division, PWD, (B&R), Jalandhar for 4-lanning of Jalandhar-Barnala road section of NH-71 from KM 0.00 to 144.720 B/s in the State of Punjab through Public Private Partnership on Design, Build, Finance, Operated and Transfer (DBFOT) Toll under NHDP Phase-IV B/s under Forest Divisions Ferozepur, Sangrur and Jalandhar, Punjab	FP/PB/ ROAD/ 8589/ 2014	145.9015	Central PWD B&R

The Regional empowered Committee (REC) discussed the above proposal and observed as under:

- i. This proposal for 4-lanning of Jalandhar-Barnala road section of NH-71 from km 0.00 to km 144.720 B/s was approved by REC on 04.08.2015 and 'in-principle' approval was conveyed by this office on 25.08.2015.
- ii. State Government has submitted the complete compliance report in respect of S-I conditions on 02.03.2016.
- iii. The case is pending for S-II clearance because the funds could not be confirmed by Adhoc-CAMPA till dated due to incorrect UTR no.
- iv. Meanwhile, DFO Ferozepur has requested to change the earlier approved CA site from Siswan Distributary (5.0 ha) by a new site at Kingwa Distributary (RD Safuwala Pul to Pathangarh Pul) (5.0 ha) through Nodal Officer (FCA) vide letter no. FCA/1980/Change of CA site/2764 dated 16.02.2018.
- v. It was observed that CA over **293.567** ha was originally proposed in three divisions, namely, **Ferozepur Forest Division** (125 ha at 12 patches), **Sangrur Forest Division** (62.567 ha at 6 patches), and **Jalandhar Forest Division** (106 ha at 12 patches).





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- vi. The **Ferozpur Forest Division** (125 ha at 12 patches) has submitted a request to change the one of the already approved CA site at Siswan Distributary (5.0 ha) by Kingwa Distributary (RD Safuwala Pul to Pathangarh Pul) (5.0 ha).
- vii. The new CA was analyzed in the Regional office noted that the KML file of the new proposed CA site was not functioning and same was sought from the State Govt. on 12.03.2018.
- viii. The complete reply from the Nodal Officer (FCA), Punjab was received on 16.03.2018.
- ix. The DFO, Ferozpur has explained the possibility of plantation at the new proposed CA site of Kingwa Distributary (RD Safuwala Pul to Pathangarh Pul) (5.0 ha). The REC has also got the new site checked on Google Earth.
- x. After verifying the details, the REC has approved the change of earlier approved CA site at Siswan Distributary-5.0 ha by Kingwa Distributary -5.0 ha (RD Safuwala Pul to Pathangarh Pul).
- xi. It was also observed by the REC that change of CA sites be avoided in future.



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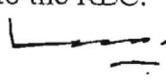
AGENDA ITEM NO.4 (PUNJAB)

F.NO	Name of the Project	Online Proposal No.	Area (in ha)	U.A.
9- PBC566- 2014- CHA	Change of CA site regarding Diversion of 5.303 hectares of forest land in favour of Municipal Corporation Ludhiana, for Remodeling of Ferozepur road & construction of 3 under passes from Jagroan Bridge to Sidhwan Canal Bridge under Forest Division and District Ludhiana, Punjab	FP/PB/ Road/ 5878/ 2014	5.303	Municipal Corporation Ludhiana

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) discussed the above proposal and observed as under:-

- i. This proposal for remodeling of Ferozepur road & construction of 3 under passes from Jagroan Bridge to Sidhwan Canal Bridge was approved by REC on 27.03.2015 and 'in-principle' approval was conveyed by this office on 15.04.2015.
- ii. The State Government has submitted the complete compliance report in respect of S-I conditions on dated 06.03.2018.
- iii. The case is pending for S-II clearance.
- iv. The DFO, Ludhiana has requested to change the earlier approved CA site at Reserve Forest C. No. 10, 11, & 12 covering 10.606 ha by a new CA site of Kotli Minor RD 0 to Tail B/s covering 5.606 ha, and Khanpur Distributary RD 45 to Tail B/s covering 5.0 ha through the Nodal Officer (FCA) vide letter no. FCA/1980/143/2014/2705 dated 14.03.2018.
- v. The new KML file of newly proposed CA site was checked in this office and 3.0 ha addl. area was sought from the State Govt. on 16.03.2018.
- vi. The complete reply from the Nodal Officer, Punjab has been received on 19.03.2018.
- vii. The DFO Ludhiana has explained the possibility of plantation at the new proposed CA sites of Kotli Minor RD 0 to Tail B/s covering 5.606 ha, and Khanpur Distributary RD 45 to Tail B/s covering 5.0 ha.
- viii. The availability of planting space has been checked on Google Earth has also been shown to the REC.



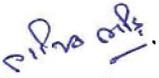


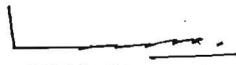
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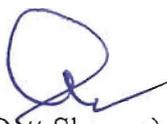


- ix. In view of the explanation given by the DFO and availability of space as observed on Google Earth, the REC has approved the change of earlier approved CA site of Reserve Forest C.No. 10, 11, & 12 covering 10.606 ha by a new CA site of Kotli Minor RD 0 to Tail B/s covering 5.606 ha, and Khanpur Distributary RD 45 to Tail B/s covering 5.0 ha. The REC has also directed to accommodate entire plantation with 10,606 plants on both the CA sites.
- xii. It was also observed by the REC that change of CA sites be avoided in future.


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