

Project Title : Askote - Kuta Motor Road

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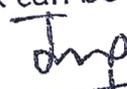
Certificate for Applicability of Wildlife Clearance

It is certified that construction of proposed Askote - Kuta Motor road in Dharchula Tehsil of District Pithoragarh is an approved activity to provide connectivity to 454 families of Deval, Kholiyagaon, Daarti, Khadiyani, Chhabisa Villages of this area. The details related to the motor road as mentioned in Divisional Forest Officer, Pithoragarh's letter no.774/17-1 dated 29/08/2020 are as follows:

- 1) The above-mentioned motor road lies in Didihat Tehsil of Pithoragarh and lies at an aerial distance of 470 meter from Askot Wildlife Sanctuary as certified by CCF, ITGC, Uttarakhand.
- 2) The proposed alignment of the implementing agency has provision of various types of culverts which will be beneficial for safe and unhindered movement of wildlife.
- 3) Since the area in question does not have elephant population, there is no need of construction of over or underpass.
- 4) As the construction site/area has low density of forests, the line of sight for traffic would be clear.
- 5) It is unlikely for any traffic related stress to the wildlife given the fact that the area in question has low density of wildlife and low density of traffic as well.

The proposed area for construction of motor road lies in the Civil soyam and Van Panchayat land, which lies within 470 m aerial distance of Askote Wildlife Sanctuary, has got administrative approval from Govt. of Uttarakhand vide letter no. 428/111(2) /16-14 (मु०मं०घ०)/2015 Dated 23 January 2016. As the proposed construction of motor road has been accorded administrative approval by the Uttarakhand State Govt., it does qualify to be an ecologically sustainable activity under Sections 38(O)(1)(b) and 38(O)(1)(g) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 as amended in 2006 and neither it is a scheduled activity requiring Environmental Clearance (EC) under EIA Notification 2006. So, the Proposal does not require any prior clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife as per the Guidelines dated 16th July 2020 issued by Wildlife Division, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Thus it is recommended that given the above facts about forest and wildlife of the proposed site, the proposed construction work can be taken up.


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