

PART-II

Proposal No. : FP/JK/WATER/126215/2021

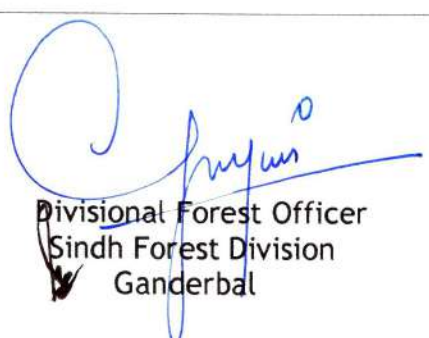
Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance and otherwise of the proposal with reasons

1. Location of the Project/Scheme:	Jammu and Kashmir
i) State/Union Territory	Jammu and Kashmir
ii) District	Ganderbal
iii) Forest Division	Sindh Forest Division
iv) Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.)	0.29 Hacs
v) Category of the proposal	Drinking Water
2. Legal status of forest	Reserved Forest
3. District Wise area to be diverted in the division	0.29 Hacs
4. Details of Vegetation available in the forest land proposed for diversion	
(i) Density of vegetation	Density : 0.3 & Eco Class : 6
(ii) Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation / hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.)	No Tree involved
5. Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed for diversion	The Compartment 34/Sindh falls under Reboisement Working Circle
6. Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	The area being moderately steep with low crop density is susceptible to soil erosion. Being in Reboisement Working Circle, it is being managed as per the prescriptions.
7. Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	0.1 Kms
8. Significance of the forest land proposed for diversion from wildlife point of view :	
(i) Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion	Common Leopard, Himalayan Black Bear, Jackal, etc
(ii) Whether forms part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed).	No

(iii) Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone(ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife(Protection) Act,1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified, then, 10kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ)	No
(iv) Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion	No
(v) Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area- if so, details thereof.	No
9. Details of any protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument located in the area, if any :	
(i) Whether any protected archaeological /heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	No
10. Comment as to the reasonability of the extent of the forest land proposed for diversion :	
(i) 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 with details of alternatives examined.	Yes
11. (i) Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	No
12. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme:	
i) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.	Forest area identified = 0.81 Hacs Number of Patches = 01
ii) Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	Uploaded at S.No.13 (iii) of Part-II
iii) Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.	Uploaded at S.No.13 (ii) of Part-II
iv) Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	04.09 Lakhs

v) Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).	Uploaded at S.No.13 (v) of Part-II
11. Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col. 7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.	Uploaded at S.No.15 of Part-II
Division/District profile:	
i) Geographical area of the district.	197900 Hacs
ii) Forest area of the district.	37901 Hacs
iii) Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases.	374.2174 Hacs with 40 cases
iv) Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on	1336 Hacs
(a) forest land including penal compensatory Afforestation	1336 Hacs
(b) non-forest land	0
v) Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (date) 13-04-2022	
(a) forest land	1336 Hacs
(b) non-forest land.	0
13. Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	1. The area proposed for diversion is part of compartments 34/Sindh of Sindh Forest Range Kangan. Compartment 34/Sindh falls in Reboisement Working Circle. 2. The area has relatively less dense vegetation with optimum density of around 30-40 % and the crop constitute mainly of Fir and Kail to some extent. However due to high altitude the area is also rich in medicinal plant with Kuth, Dioscorea Artemesia, Patees, Belladona, Dhoop, Kour etc as the main species. 3. Since the area proposed for diversion is not huge and the project is non-linear, it may not have that much of an adverse impact on the local medicinal flora. 4. As such the project is recommended for diversion, however following few conditions may be put in place for compliance by the user agency to mitigate the damages to the forests : a. That the Forest Land shall not be mortgaged or reassigned. It shall be used only for the purpose requisitioned.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">b. That any damage caused by the user agency or its employees and people employed by the contractors shall be recovered from the user agency.c. That the Forest Land if approved and used shall be returned to the Forest Department as and when not required by the user agency for the purpose it has been diverted /transferred at present.d. That the user agency shall not dispose, dump any debris, soil, rock etc. in the adjacent forest area, but shall dispose off the same outside without causing any further damage to the adjoining forest areas.e. That the user agency shall take required steps to protect and safeguard the land beyond used limits to save it from landslides, erosion etc.f. That the user agency shall not cause any damage to the vegetation in surrounding areas during carriage of material, machinery etc and will take utmost care to protect and safeguard the vegetal cover in the area.g. The user agency may put in efforts to help in propagation of the local flora by way of carrying out small plantation drives in and around the project.h. Under CSR they may also ensure commitment in assisting the department for the conservation of the local medicinal flora.i. The user agency will take extreme care in keeping the environment clean and avoid polluting the forest area and the adjoining stream. |
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