

Agenda Item No. 03: Diversion of 6.287 ha of forest land for construction of Kapkot-Pindari Glacier Motor Road to Kafli Kameda Motor Road in favour of Gramya Vikas Vibhag (PMGSY) within the jurisdiction of Bageshwar Forest Division, District Bageshwar, Uttarakhand (Online Proposal No.- FP/UK/ROAD/13065/2015).

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 6.287 ha of forest land for construction of Kapkot-Pindari Glacier Motor Road to Kafli Kameda Motor Road. The committee noted that 551 trees (in 9 m width) are proposed to be affected in the project and 271 trees (in 7 m width) are proposed to be felled in the project. The forest land proposed for diversion is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The KML file of the proposed road is seen by the committee and it shows that the villages are already connected with motor road and there is no such need for the construction of the proposed road. The representative of the user agency could not justify the requirement of the proposed road.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to defer the proposal and desired that the State Govt. may be requested to submit the following documents/ information clarifications:*

1. A site inspection report of DFO, mentioning names of villages, total population to be benefited, actual requirement of the road and distance of the village from the existing road.
2. It is required that DFO should ensure his presence in the next REC meeting and a detailed presentation to be done before the REC in its next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 04: Diversion of 6.8378 ha of forest land for construction of Berinag-Gangolihat Motor Road to Kanara Gunth Motor Road (10 km) in favour of Public Work Department (PMGSY) within the jurisdiction of Pithoragarh Forest Division, District Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.(Online proposal No.- FP/UK/ROAD/27164/2017).

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 6.8378 ha of forest land for construction of Berinag-Gangolihat Motor Road to Kanara Gunth Motor Road (10 km). The committee noted that 310 trees are proposed to be felled in the project. The forest land proposed for diversion is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The KML file of the proposed road is seen by the