<u>Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of</u> <u>the proposal with reasons :</u>

- 1. The area proposed for diversion is part of two compartments 63(b)/S & 64/S of Sindh Forest Range Kangan. Compartment 64/S falls in Fir Selection Working Circle and 63(b)/S is a part of Protection 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 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) Due care be taken to stabilize the slopes by the user agency in case of apprehension of landslides during construction of the project and its operation as well.
 - (b) 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.
 - (c) Under CSR they may also ensure commitment in assisting the department for the conservation of the local medicinal flora.
 - (d) The user agency will take extreme care in keeping the environment clean and avoid polluting the forest area and the feeder stream.
 - (e) Effort shall me made by the user agency to save maximum number of trees/poles/saplings coming under the alignment of the project.

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