



File No: 9-JKC-093/2021-Jammu

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To

The Commissioner/Secretary,
Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment,
UT of Jammu & Kashmir,
Civil Secretariat
Jammu & Kashmir
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Sub: **Diversion of 78.3877 ha of forest land in Ramban forest division in favour of National Highway Authority of India for 4 laning of Ramban Banihal section of NH-44 (old NH1A) at critical locations between km 151 and km 187, District Ramban, UT of Jammu & Kashmir (Online proposal no. FP/JK/Road/145108/2021)-regarding.**

Ref: i) UT Admin of J&K online proposal received on dated 15.12.2021
ii) Minutes of 3rd REC held on 12.01.2022
iii) Online reply from Nodal Officer J&K letter no. PCCF/FCA/3378/5586-87 Dated-29-01-2022

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited subject and letters seeking prior approval of the Central government for the diversion of **78.3877 ha** of Forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the UT Administration of J&K, *in-principle* approval is hereby being conveyed for the diversion **78.3877 ha** of Forest land in **Ramban forest division** in favour of **National Highway Authority of India for 4 laning of Ramban Banihal section of NH-44 (old NH1A) at critical locations between km 151 and km 187, District Ramban**, UT of Jammu and Kashmir, subject to the following conditions:

(A). Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the UT Forest Department to the National Highway Authority of India (User agency):

- i. Cost of compensatory afforestation as per CA scheme may be realized from user agency.
- ii. 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. 5-3/2011-FC(vol-I) dated 6th January 2022 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Order dated 30th October 2002, 28th March, 2008, 24th April, 2008 and 9th May 2008;
- iii. As per the orders of the Government of India vide letter No. 5-2/2010-CAMPA 24.06.2011, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land and all other CA levies shall be deposited through web portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change www.parivesh.nic.in.
- iv. 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.

- v. As the analysis of the CA areas on DSS depicted that only 73 ha of DFL area (35+34+4) is appropriately available for the plantation (out of proposed 100.85 ha) as against the requirement of 82.7038 ha of DFL (double of diverted 41.3519 ha forest land), the state government may plant 10,000 saplings for the remaining 10 ha (82.7018-73.0000=9.7018 or 10 ha) and that should be planted in the adjoining area in the vicinity of proposed 100 ha DFL.
- vi. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.

(B) Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval

- 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 1585 trees and 1553 u/s poles and plants shall be felled. Any felling shall only be done under strictly vigilance of forest department after issuance of felling permission from concerned DFO;
- iii. Compensatory afforestation will be carried out over Degraded Forest land (DFL) upon 100 ha of land on Comp No. Co 42/Bnl and Co 8/Bnl, Range-Banihal, Co 61/AR and Co 58/Ar, Range-Gool, CO 9/R, Co 09/Rbn, Co 19/Rbn and Co 42/Rbn, Range- Ramban, District-Ramban, as per proposed CA scheme;
- iv. Compensatory afforestation will be done within one year from the date of issue of final approval over the extent of land as approved, out of the funds provided the user agency;
- v. The UT Govt shall upload the KML files of the degraded forest area accepted for raising compensatory afforestation as well as the forest area proposed for diversion in the extant proposal in the E-Green watch portal;
- vi. The forest land being diverted shall be properly demarcated using RCC boundary pillars with forward/backward bearing and the GPS coordinates inscribed on them at the project cost.
- vii. The acquired 04 dumping site should be prepared appropriately as per approved muck disposal plan given in the proposal before start of dumping to prevent downhill slide of muck;
- viii. The CEO state CAMPA authority shall ensure release of funds under CAMPA to the DFO for raising CA plantation as per CA scheme approved by this office;
- ix. The DFO shall ensure taking up plantation at approved CA sites and shall not after the approved sites without obtaining the permission of the competent authority;
- x. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal;
- xi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without approval of the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change;
- xii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change;

- xiii. The user agency shall raise strip plantation on both side and central verge of the road at the project coat as per IRC specification and maintain the same;
- xiv. Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the forest areas;
- xv. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land including flora and fauna during the project implementation/operation;
- xvi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xvii. The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court;
- xviii. 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;
- xix. The Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change may revoke/suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. State government will ensure compliance of these conditions through forest department.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
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RO and Dy. DGF (Central)
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5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Ramban forest division, District Ramban, UT of Jammu Kashmir.
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Signed by C D Singh
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