

SITE INSPECTION REPORT NOT BELOW THE RANK OF DCF
(For forest land to be diverted under Forest Conservation Act, 1980)

A proposal has been received in this office from **Executive Engineer Uttarakhand Pay-jal Nigam, Rudraprayag** for diversion of **0.55 Ha.** of Forest land under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for non-forestry purpose. The proposal is sought for establishing drinking water supply pipeline for Vidhan Sabha and cater to nearby requirements.

I have carried out the site inspection of the land required on date 09-06-2015.

Upon inspection of the site, the following has come to light:

1. It is found that the land required by the user agency is a **combination of RF and Van Panchayat Land**. The break-up of the land is as under:

The Reserve forest 0.37 Ha

Van Panchayat forest 0.18 Ha

Total required Forest Land 0.55 Ha

The proposed pipeline originates and passes through Kundhon Block of Lohaba Range of Kedarnath Wildlife Division. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project.

Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna in the area. If, so the details there of.

Yes. The area in question is a habitat of high altitude ungulates. **Himalayan Tahr (*Hemitragus jemlahicus*)**, **Himalayan bear (*Selanarctos thibetanus*)**, **Leopard (*Panthera pardus*)**, **Large red flying squirrel (*Petaurista petaurista albiventer*)**, **Barking Deer** etc are the general faunal species that inhabitate the area.

Whether any protected archeological/ heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monuments is located in the area, if so the details there of with NOC from competent authority, if required.

No such establishment/building exists.

- a) **The user agency has not violated the provisions of forest (Conservation), Act 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction.**
- b) ~~It has been found that the user agency has violated the forest (Conservation), Act 1980 provisions. A detail report as per Para 1.9 of chapter 1, Para C of Handbook of forest (Conservation), Act 1980 is attached.~~

Specific recommendation for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal.

The project is required to cater to the drinking water supply in Vidhan Sabha premises and nearby settlements. The need is genuine as there is no source of drinking water nearby. There is no alternative available for the same. Therefore, the project is recommended.


(Signature)

Place: Gopeshwar
Date: 09-06-2015

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