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To,

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 Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment,  
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 Civil Secretariat  
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Sub: **Diversion of 3.386 ha of Forest Land in Kathua Wildlife Division for Improvement/Widening of Lakhanpur Thein Road RD 12/700 to RD 17/100, District Kathua, UT of Jammu and Kashmir (Online proposal no. FP/JK/ROAD/143592/2021)-reg.**

Ref: **i) UT Admin of J&K online proposal received on dated 10.11.2021**

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited subject and letters seeking prior approval of the Central government for the diversion of **3.386 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 **3.386 ha** of Forest land in **Kathua Wildlife Division** for the above mentioned project, subject to the following condition:

**(A). Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the UT Forest Department.**

- 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. 5-3/2007-FC dated 5th February 2009 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](http://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. The UT of J&K shall not issue temporary working permission until entire compensatory levies are deposited by the User Agency and confirmed online on Ministry's web portal.
- VI. Violation of any these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action will be taken as prescribed in Para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of

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Guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter no 5-2/2017-FC dated 28/03/2019.

- VII. **Divisional Forest Officer shall furnish undertaking that the approved CA site(s) will not be changed without the approval of competent authority.**
- VIII. **CEO State CAMPA shall furnish undertaking that the funds under state/UT CAMPA will be released to Divisional Forest Officer as per approved CA scheme.**
- IX. FRA Certificate from competent Authority to be submitted.
- X. Wildlife Clearance Certificate needs to be submitted.
- XI. TA (DSS) Analysis found that proposed area is affecting wetland (Area more than 10 (ha.). UT administration may provide a preservation plan to be implemented by user agency for the same if considered necessary by the forest department.

**(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 71 Trees & 77 U/s Poles will be felled.
- iii. The UT Govt shall upload the KML files of the degraded forest area accepted for raising compensatory afforestation in the E-Green watch portal of FSI, before handing over of forest land to the user agency;
- iv. No muck will be dumped in the forest land as the muck dumping sites have been identified on non-forest land
- v. The DFO shall ensure that User agency shall not dump muck on forest land;
- vi. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal;
- vii. 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 & Climate Change;
- viii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change;
- ix. The user agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road at the project cost as per IRC specifications with maintenance of seven to ten years;
- x. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land;
- xi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xii. The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court;
- xiii. 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;
- xiv. Any other condition that this IRO may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- xv. It will be the responsibility of the State Government/User Agency to obtain all other prior approvals/clearances under all other relevant Acts/Rules/ Court's Rulings/instructions, etc., including environmental clearance, as applicable to this proposal

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
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**Regional Officer**  
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