

File No. FST-Land0FC/108/2021-02-Forest Department

Government of Jammu and Kashmir,
Forests, Ecology & Environment Department
Civil Secretariat, J&K Jammu

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
J&K Forest Department,
Van Bhavan, Jammu.

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Dated: 24.11.2021

Subject: Use of 0.75 ha forest land for construction of road from Kathar to Bal Saroh (Kund Kanyari), km 1st RD0 to km 3rd RD 1000 (UNDER NABARD) in Reasi Forest Division.

Ref: Online Proposal No. FP/JK/Road/145753/2021.

Sir,

Please refer to the project of use of 0.75 ha forest land for construction of road from Kathar to Bal Saroh (Kund Kanyari), km 1st RD0 to km 3rd RD 1000 (UNDER NABARD) in Reasi Forest Division as per online proposal referred above.

2. I am directed to convey In-Principle approval for construction of road from Kathar to Bal Saroh (Kund Kanyari), km 1st RD0 to km 3rd RD 1000 (UNDER NABARD) in Reasi Forest Division with the following particulars and subject to the fulfilment of terms and conditions appearing hereinafter:-

1.	Proposal No:	FP/JK/ROAD/145753/2021	
2.	User Agency/Applicant	Executive Engineer PWD R&B Construction Division 3, Jammu	
3.	Location	Division : Reasi Forest Division District : Reasi Range : Thakrakote	
4.	Compartment Nos.	49c/Th	
5.	Objective	construction of road from Kathar to Bal Saroh (Kund Kanyari), km 1st RD0 to km 3rd RD 1000 to provide road connectivity	
6.	Salient Features of the project:		
	i.	Total length of the road	3.00 Km
	ii.	Length of the road in forest	1250 Mtr.

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	iii.	Width of the road in forest	6 Mtr				
	iv.	Forest area involved in construction of road	7500 sq.mtr = 0.75 Ha				
7.	Muck Disposal: The user agency has proposed muck dumping sites on private land. NOC <i>in form of affidavit</i> from the <i>private</i> landowner.						
8.	Number of Trees / Saplings involved:						
	S. No.	Scientific Name	Local Name	(0-30)cm.	(31-60)cm.	(61-90)cm.	Total
	1	Others	Panser	68	6	0	74
	2	Others	Shisham	4	2	0	6
	3	Others	Farlai	0	1	1	2
	4	Cassia Fistula	Kanrgali	6	3	0	9
	5	Others	Kemble	14	5	2	21
	6	Others	Rathal	2	0	0	2
	7	embelica officinalis	Amla	1	0	0	1
	8	Others	Santh	1	0	0	1
	Total			96	17	3	116
9.	a	Whether the forest land proposed to be used for non-forest purpose forms part of a natural reserve, national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve or forms part of the habitat of any endangered or threatened species of flora and fauna or any area lying in severely eroded catchment.		No			
10	Compensatory Afforestation (CA): CA will be carried out on degraded forest land (in double extent of the forest land diverted) in compartment No. 49c/Th at the cost of the User Agency as per approved CA scheme of Rs 4.21 lacs including 10 years maintenance.						
11.	Summary of Amount to be deposited by the User Agency:						
	1.	Compensatory Afforestation	= Rs. 4,21,000/-				
	2.	Net Present Value	= Rs. 6,33,750/-				
	3.	Penal compensation for damage to 250 plants	= Rs. 53,125/-				

Terms and Conditions:-**(A) Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the J&K Forest Department.**

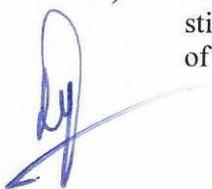
- i) Cost of compensatory afforestation as per scheme may be realized from the user agency;
- ii) Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted for non-forestry purpose may be realized from the user agency, as per MoEF&CC directions issued vide letters No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 5th February 2009 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Order dated 30th October 2002, 28th March, 2008, 24th April, 2008 and 9th May 2008;
- iii) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land , if any, becoming due after

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- finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- iv) 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;
 - v) 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;
 - vi) The cost of extraction shall be paid by the user agency to the agency executing the extraction (J&K Forest Department/J&K Forest Development Corporation/any other, as applicable);
 - vii) Original copy of FRA certificate to be submitted;
 - viii) Divisional Forest Office shall furnish undertaking that the approved CA sites will not be changed without the approval of the Competent Authority.
 - ix) The CEO State CAMPA shall furnish undertaking that the funds under State CAMPA will be released to Divisional Forest Officer as per approved CA scheme.
 - x) The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA areas, the proposed SMC work, the proposed Catchment Area Treatment area and the WLMP area shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before issuing working permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as the case may be.
 - xi) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per law.

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

- i) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii) Efforts should be made to fell minimum number of trees;
- iii) The CA will be carried out on degraded forest land as per the CA scheme and the funds will be provided by the user agency. The plantation of 1000 trees per ha (or proportionately less if forest area diverted is less than 01 Ha) will be done within one year from the date of issue of the approval;
- iv) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- v) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- vi) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- vii) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- viii) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less;
- ix) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
- x) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India; and
- xi) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife

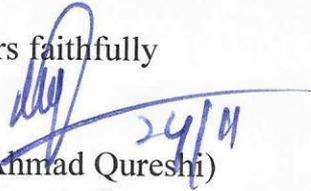


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3 User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance or any other clearance, if applicable under any act/rule/order/guideline etc for the proposal.

4. After receipt of the compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions under para-2, above, final approval order shall be given under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The use of forest land will not be allowed till final approval is accorded.

Yours faithfully


(Fayaz Ahmad Qureshi)
Under Secretary to Government

Copy for information to the:

1. Secretary to Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
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3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.
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6. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government Public Works (R&B) Department, J&K.
7. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary to Government Forest, Ecology & Environment Department J&K.