

PART-II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)

State serial No. of proposal JK-054/2021
Proposal No. FP/JK/Road/140798/2021
Dated 07/04/2021

1. Location of the project/Scheme:
 - i) State/Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir
 - ii) District Kathua
 - iii) Forest Division Kathua Forest Division
 - iv) Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.) 1.71
 - v) Legal status of forest Reserved Forest
 - vi) Density of vegetation 0.5
 - vii) Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation / hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.) Enclosed.
 - viii) Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion. The proposed area for diversion is a part of Shivalik hills and consists of Kandi formations which is prone to erosion.
 - ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest. 0.50 km.
 - x) Whether forms part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed). No
 - xi) Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area-if so, details thereof. No
 - xii) Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required. No
2. Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined. Yes
3. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress. Not notice
4. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme:
 - i) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch. Enclosed.

- ii) Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries. Enclosed.
 - iii) Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc. Enclosed
 - iv) Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme. 07.00 Lakh
 - v) Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests). Enclosed
5. Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col. 7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above. Enclosed
6. Division/District profile:
- i) Geographical area of the district. 265100 hac.
 - ii) Forest area of the district. 89868 hac.
 - iii) Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases. 362.14
 - iv) Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on
 - (a) forest land including penal compensatory afforestation, 362.14
 - (b) non-forest land. Nil
 - v) Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (date) 20/05/2022
 - (a) forest land 362.14
 - (b) non-forest land. Nil
7. Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.

The proposed project envisages Construction of 27 mtr Span double lane motorable steel Bridge over Sugal Khad at Gunni including construction of approach road Gunni to Sarthan by J&K, PWD (R&B) in Kathua Forest Division. The forest area proposed for diversion is 1.71 ha falling in Compartment 15/K of Basantpur Forest Block, Kathua Range. The project in the present instant is being executed by Executive Engineer, Basohli, Jammu & Kashmir Public Works Department (R&B) and is being funded under Central Road Fund (CRF). It has been sanctioned under Central Road Fund (CRF). The roads take off from village Gunni and surrounding areas are expected to be benefited by construction of this road on their completion and will provide connectivity to a population of about 10,000 souls inhabiting village Gunni. Also it will provide alternate/shortest connectivity to Billawar, Basholi and Bani areas with District Head Quarter.

Therefore, in view of the envisaged benefits of the project for the local population it is recommended that the Project may be granted the Stage-I or In-principle approval.

Place: Kathua

Dated: 20-05-2022


Divisional Forest Officer
Kathua Forest Division Kathua