

PART-II

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

State serial No. of proposal JK-01/2021

Proposal No. FP/JK/Road/149888/2021

Dated 08/12/2021

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.) 12.01
 - 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. 0.00 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. 15.00 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/Improvement from CL-09 to NHDL specifications of road Dayalchak-Ramkot (Challan) KM 8.00 to KM 25.421 (Net length 17.421 Km) in J&K (UT) in Kathua Forest Division. The forest area proposed for diversion is 12.01 ha falling in Compartment 16/J, 32a/J & 33/J of Rajwalta Forest Block, Jasrota Range. The project in the present instant is being executed by 69 RCC Border Road Organization and is being funded under Central Road Fund (CRF). The said road is included in the BRDB programme of Ministry of Defense (MOD) Border Roads at S. No. 66LTROWP and work is planned in AWP BE 2021-22. The road is being extensively used by Army and Civil traffic as shortest route from Dayalchack to Udampur as it will be shorter by 25 Kms when compare with NA-1A (Via Jammu).

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


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Place: Kathua
 Dated: 13/4/2023