

**MINUTES OF THE 4th MEETING OF THE REGIONAL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE
(REC) OF REGIONAL OFFICE, NORTH CENTRAL ZONE, DEHRADUN
HELD ON 22nd July, 2015**

The fourth meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of the Regional Office, North Central Zone, Dehradun was held on 22nd July, 2015 at Regional Office, Dehradun under the Chairmanship of Shri Ajay Kumar, Addl. PCCF, Regional Office, Dehradun.

Following official non-official members & the special invitees were present in the meeting.

S.No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Ajay Kumar Addl. PCCF, R.O., Dehradun	Chairman
2.	Dr. G.S. Rawat, IFS (Retd.)	Member
3.	Shri Praveen Thaplyal, IFS (Retd.)	Member
4.	Dr. S.P. Singh	Member
5.	Shri M.S. Negi DCF, R.O., Dehradun	Member Secretary
Special Invitee		
6.	Shri S.T.S. Lepcha Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer, Uttarakhand.	Special Invitee
7.	Shri J.P. Joshi Addl. Secretary (Revenue) Uttarakhand	Special Invitee
8.	Dr. VRR Singh Nodal Officer- cum-APPCF (FCA). H.P.	Special Invitee
9.	Representatives of the User Agencies	

	<p>writing.</p> <p>5. The State Govt. will ensure planting of 40% Oak seedlings in the CA. An undertaking to this effect may be submitted by the State Govt.</p>
<p>3. Diversion of 10.0688 ha of forest land for construction of Takoli Band to Balma-Badura-Thana-Mathena Motor Road in favour of PWD under the jurisdiction of Almora Forest Division. District. Almora, Uttarakhand.</p>	<p>The Member Secretary presented all the facts about the proposal seeking diversion of 10.0688 ha of forest land for construction of Takoli Band to Balma-Badura-Thana-Mathena Motor Road before the committee members. Committee noticed that the forest land proposed for diversion is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported. The committee also noticed that the number of project affected trees is reported as 713 in the 9 m RoW proposed for this road requiring diversion of 10.0688 ha. area. However, 476 trees in 7 m width are proposed to be felled including 54 Oak trees.</p> <p>Geo-referenced digital map for the area proposed for CA showing geo-coordinates was submitted by the User Agency during the meeting.</p> <p>After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in-principle approval for diversion of 10.0688 ha of forest land subject to submission of following documents/information and with following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Although the C/B analysis is submitted as per formats given in Annexure VI (b) & VI (c) of Handbook but some of the parameters have not been quantified and expressed in monetary terms. May be re-submitted by the State Govt. after doing the needful. 2. 70 trees per ha may not account for 0.4 density given in the proposal. Moreover, NPV rate is charged for very dense forest category. State Govt. may review and resubmit the density and the NPV calculation. 3. Minimum number of trees will be felled which may not exceed 713. However, initially permission to fell only 476 trees will be granted by the State Forest Deptt., as proposed by the User Agency. <i>The permission for</i>

	<p><i>felling of trees in excess of 476 will be given by DFO under exceptional circumstances under intimation to the Regional Office.</i></p>
<p>4. Diversion of 6.1395 ha of forest land for construction of Birtola to Belkot Motor Road in favour of PMGSY within the jurisdiction of Pithoragarh Forest Division, District Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.</p>	<p>The Member Secretary presented all the facts about the proposal seeking diversion of 6.1395 ha of forest land for construction of Birtola to Belkot Motor Road before the committee members. Committee noticed that the forest land proposed for diversion is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported. The committee also noticed that the no. of project affected trees is reported as 268 in the 9 m RoW proposed for this road requiring diversion of 6.1395 ha. forest land. However, 210 trees in 7 m width are proposed to be felled, which may not be true for entire length of the road.</p> <p>After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in-principle approval for diversion of 6.1395 ha of forest land subject to submission of following documents information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Although, the C/B analysis is submitted as per formats given in Annexure VI (b) & VI (c) of Handbook but some of the parameters have not been quantified and expressed in monetary terms. C/B analysis may be reviewed by the State Govt. and re-submitted accordingly. 2. 34 trees per ha may not account for 0.4 density as mentioned in the proposal. Moreover, NPV rate is charged for dense forest category. State Govt. may review and resubmit the density and the NPV calculation. 3. Minimum no. of trees will be felled which may not exceed 268 in any case. However, initially permission to fell only 210 trees will be granted by the State Forest Deptt. as proposed by the User Agency. <i>The permission for felling of trees in excess of 210 will be given by DFO under exceptional circumstances under intimation to the Regional Office</i>