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To,

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 Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment,  
 U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir,  
 Civil Secretariat  
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Sub: **Diversion of 2.895 ha of forest land in Nowshera Forest Division in favour of PWD (R&B) Division Reasi for Improvement and Up-gradation of Kanda to Ransoo road under CRF, District, Rajouri, U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir-reg. (Online proposal no. FP/JK/ROAD/115392/2021)-regarding.**

Ref: i) UT Admin of J&K online proposal received on dated 20.10.2021  
 ii) Nodal officer J&K letter no. PCCF/FCA/3255/3088-89 dated 30.11.2021

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited subject and letters seeking prior approval of the Central government for the diversion of **2.895 ha** of Forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful examination of the proposal of the UT Administration of J&K, *in-principle* approval of the central government is hereby being conveyed for the diversion **2.895 ha** of Forest land in **Nowshera Forest Division** in favour of **PWD (R&B) Division Reasi** for improvement and Up-gradation of Kanda to Ransoo road under CRF, District, Rajouri, U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir, subject to the following conditions:

**(A). Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the UT Forest Department to the User agency, PWD (R&B) Division Reasi:**

- I. Cost of compensatory afforestation as per approved 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).

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- IV. User Agency should ensure that the bills (GA 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 complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.

**(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 (from user agency / forest department as applicable) 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 **101** Trees & **287** U/s Poles will be felled.
- iii. The UT Govt shall upload the KML files of the area being diverted as well as the degraded forest area accepted for raising compensatory afforestation in the E-Greenwatch portal of FSI, before handing over of forest land to the user agency;
- iv. The DFO shall ensure that User agency shall not dump muck on forest land;
- v. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal;
- vi. Divisional Forest Officer shall furnish undertaking that the approved CA site(s) will not be changed without the approval of competent authority.
- vii. 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
- viii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change;
- ix. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change;
- x. The user agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road at the project cost as per IRC specifications and shall maintain the same.
- xi. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land;
- xii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- xiii. The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court;
- xiv. The User Agency shall provide required fuel preferably non-fuelwood to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- xv. Any other condition that this IRO may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- xvi. 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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