

**MINUTES OF THE 42ND MEETING OF THE REGIONAL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE
OF REGIONAL OFFICE, NORTH CENTRAL ZONE, DEHRADUN
HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER, 2019**

The 42nd meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of the Regional Office (North Central Zone) Dehradun was held on 30 September, 2019 in the Meeting Room of the Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Dehradun under the Chairmanship of Shri. Pankaj Agrawal, IFS, Addl. PCCF, Regional Office, Dehradun.

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

S.No.	Name	Designation
01	Shri. Pankaj Agrawal, IFS, Addl. PCCF, Regional Office, Dehradun.	Chairman
02	Dr. R. B. S. Rawat, IFS	Non-official Member
03	Dr. R. S. Bisht, IFS	Non-official Member
04	Shri D. J. K. Sharma	APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (UK)
05	Shri K. S. Thakur	APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer In- Charge (HP)
06	Representatives of the User Agencies	

Following proposals seeking diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose pertaining to the state of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand were discussed in detail and the case wise decision taken by REC is as under:

HIMACHAL PRADESH

Agenda Item No. 01: Diversion of 0.6478 ha (instead of 0.7389 ha) of forest land in favour of M/s Baragarh Hydro Power Co. Private Limited for construction of 2.5 MW Lower Aleo SHEP, within the jurisdiction of Kullu Forest Division, Distt. Kullu, Himachal Pradesh.

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 0.6478 ha of forest land for construction of 2.5 MW Lower Aleo SHEP. The committee was apprised that violation of FCA for 0.105 ha area has been reported by the State Government for which penalty provisions have already been made as per guidelines para 1.21 (iv) and Penal NPV is to be deposited. The committee was also informed that the proposal already been approved for 0.7389 ha vide this office letter dt. 16.05.2014, with felling permission of 128 trees and CA over 2.064 ha degraded forest

land. The CA and NPV deposited in this case considering RoW 15 m while the area diverted only 0.7389 ha after considering RoW 5.6 m.

The committee noted that the revised proposal vide letter dt. 29.08.2018 has been submitted by the State Govt. for area 0.6478 ha after change in layout and land use pattern after direction of Hon'ble High Court of Shimla in the matter CWP No. 171/2018 vide dt. 12.03.2018. The revised component wise breakup has also been submitted.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to recommend the proposal to Govt. of India for approval of change in layout land use pattern with revised area of 0.6478 ha subject to fulfillment of following conditions:

1. The component wise breakup 'in-take tank' as per the inspection report was constructed at Khasra 3/2 while in the component wise breakup it is shown in Khasra 3/1, 22/1. State Government is required to submit clarification in the regard.

Agenda Item No. 02: Diversion of 1.9728 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Neri Hydro Project Pvt. Ltd., Village Majharnoo, Tehsil Jogindernagar for construction of (5.00 MW) Neri Small Hydro Electric Project, within the jurisdiction of Jogindernagar Forest Division, Distt. Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. (Online proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/9976/2015).

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 1.9728 ha of forest land for construction of (5.00 MW) Neri Small Hydro Electric Project. The committee noted that 149 trees are proposed to be felled in the project; 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. No violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The representative of project proponent and the Nodal Officer (I/c) explained to the committee that in Himachal Pradesh the area calculation varies sometime due to the fact that the revenue measurement are in 'Karam' and while conversion taken place from Karam into meters, mathematical calculation does not match and this is the reason for reflecting RoW 2.84 mtr in land schedule rather than 3 mtr. However there is no factual discrepancies in area proposed for diversion. The power evacuation plan was submitted by the project proponent to the committee. Regarding Techno Economic Clearance (TEC) the project proponent explained that because these documents have no effect on the area proposed for diversion and these documents are required generally for financing purposes to the bank, the state of HP has issued an order that the processing of proposal under FCA should not be withheld for want of TEC. However, it is mandatory to submit this document before issuing final order under

FCA. Agreeing to the fact, the committee was of the view that this can be incorporated as an additional condition.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to recommend the proposal to Govt. of India for approval with following additional conditions:

1. The State Government may submit copy of DFO letter with respect to point No. 3 of this office EDS dt. 01-08-2019 i.e. the leopard is in schedule I species for which the comments of DFO is required from the State Government mentioning no adverse impact of the project on the species.
2. Additional condition to submit TEC before the issuance of final approval.

Agenda Item No. 03: Diversion of 0.734 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Himalayan Hydro Project Kullu, House No. 123, Ward No. 04, Raghumnathpur, Tehsil & Distt. Kullu, H.P. for construction of 1.20 MW Phindri Small Hydro Power Project within the jurisdiction of Kullu Forest Division, Distt. Kullu, Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/37714/2018).

The Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 0.734 ha of forest land for construction of 1.20 MW Phindri Small Hydro Power Project. The committee noted that 03 trees are proposed to be felled in the project. 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 in the area proposed for diversion. No violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The representative from the user agency briefed about the project. The representative of project proponent and the Nodal Officer (I/c) explained to the committee that in Himachal Pradesh the area calculation varies sometime due to the fact that the revenue measurement are in 'Karam' and while conversion taken place from Karam into meters mathematical calculation does not match and this is the reason for reflecting RoW 2.84 mtr in land schedule rather than 3 mtr. However there is no factual discrepancies in area proposed for diversion. The power evacuation plan was submitted by the project proponent to the committee. Regarding Techno Economic Clearance (TEC) and Implementation Agreement the project proponent explained that because these documents have no effect on the area proposed for diversion and these documents are required generally for financing purposes to the bank, the state of HP has issued an order that the processing of proposal under FCA should not be withheld for want of TEC. However, it is

mandatory to submit this document before issuing final order under FCA. Agreeing to the fact, the committee was of the view that this can be incorporated as an additional condition.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to recommend the proposal to Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for approval with following additional condition:

1. State Government will provide Techno Economic Clearance and Implementation Agreement before the issuance of final approval.

Agenda Item No. 04: Re-diversion of 1.052 ha of forest land in favour of Mining Officer, Chamba for River Bed mining in Salandri Khand (Stream) at Mohal Janna, Distt. Chamba, within the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division, District Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. (Online proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/39231/2019)

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 1.052 ha of forest land for River Bed mining in Salandri Khand (Stream) at Mohal Janna. The committee noted that no tree felling is proposed in the project. 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The committee appraised that this is the case of re-diversion under the provision of guideline para-5.6. The primary user agency in this proposal was NHPC and in favour of NHPC the land was diverted for reservoir purpose of Chamera-1 HEP in Chamba district and now the mining department being a secondary user agency, proposed the area subjected above for re-diversion for RBM collection.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to recommend the proposal to Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for approval for diversion of forest land subject to submission of following documents/ information / clarifications:

1. No Objection Certificate in favour of Mining Department (current user agency) from the NHPC (previous user agency).
2. In the instant case, the Mining Plan has been prepared in the year 2016 and approved in July 2015 in favour of Shri Amar Chand but the proposal for re-diversion of forest land has been submitted by the Mining Officer, Chamba District, Himachal Pradesh. Even the State Govt. letter dated 01.04.2009 written to NHPC Ltd. for NOC contains the name of Shri Amar Chand Sharma. The mining plan need to be submitted in favour of the Mining Department.



3. In para 3.4 of the Mining Plan, it has been mentioned that factor of 30 cm annual replenishment is taken into consideration while calculating the reserves but the depth of mining is mentioned as 1 mtr. at para-3.3 and 0.50 m to 1.00 m of the Mining Plan which is required to be clarified by the State Govt.
4. In the Check List-7 provided in the hard copy of the proposal, the Khasra Nos. of 1.052 ha of forest land proposed for re-diversion is mentioned as 863/419 but the Khasra Nos. of 673/484/1 are mentioned in the Mining Plan, Environmental Clearance and Mining Lease Agreement signed with Shri Amar Chand on 17.07.2010 for mining in Khasra No. 673/484/1 acquired by NHPC Ltd. State Govt. may clarify this discrepancy.

Agenda Item No. 05: Re-diversion of 16.1898 ha of forest land in favour of Department of Industries for River bed mining in Siul River, Mohal Danoon, Distt. Chamba, within the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division, District Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. (Online proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/39224/2019)

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 16.1898 ha of forest land for River bed mining in Siul River. The committee noted that no tree felling is proposed in the project. 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The committee appraised that this is the case of re-diversion under the provision of guideline para-5.6. The primary user agency in this proposal was NHPC and in favour of NHPC the land was diverted for reservoir purpose of Chamera-1 HEP in Chamba district and now the mining department being a secondary user agency proposed the area subjected above for re-diversion for RBM collection.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to recommend the proposal to Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for approval for diversion of forest land subject to submission of following documents/ information / clarifications:

1. No Objection Certificate in favour of Mining Department (current user agency) from the NHPC (previous user agency).
2. In the instant case, the Mining Plan has been prepared and approved in the year 2016 in favour of Shri Amar Chand but the proposal for re-diversion of forest land has been submitted by the Mining Officer, Chamba District, Himachal Pradesh. Even, NOC has been issued by NHPC Ltd. in favour of Shri Amar Chand only.



3. In para 6.5 of the Mining Plan, it has been mentioned that factor of 30 cm annual replenishment is taken into consideration while calculating the reserves but the depth of mining is mentioned as 1 mtr. at para-6.2 of the Mining Plan. State Govt. may submit clarification in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 06: Re-diversion of 13.2521 ha of forest land in favour of Department of Industries for River bed mining in Siul River, Distt. Chamba, within the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division, District Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. (Online proposal No. FP/HP/MIN/39228/2019)

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 13.2521 ha of forest land in favour of Department of Industries for River bed mining in Siul River. The committee noted that no tree felling is involved in the project. 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The committee appraised that this is the case of re-diversion under the provision of guideline para-5.6. The primary user agency in this proposal was NHPC and in favour of NHPC the land was diverted for reservoir purpose of Chamera-1 HEP in Chamba district and now the mining department being a secondary user agency proposed the area subjected above for re-diversion for RBM collection.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to recommend the proposal to Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for approval for diversion of forest land subject to submission of following documents/ information / clarifications:

1. No Objection Certificate in favour of Mining Department (current user agency) from the NHPC (previous user agency).
2. In the instant case, the Mining Plan has been prepared and approved in the year 2016 in favour of Shri Rajinder Kumar but the proposal for re-diversion of forest land has been submitted by the Mining Officer, Chamba District, Himachal Pradesh (pg. 65 to 67). Even, NOC has been issued by NHPC Ltd. in favour of Shri Rajinder Kumar only (Pg. 52)
3. In para 6.5 of the Mining Plan, it has been mentioned that factor of 30 cm annual replenishment is taken into consideration while calculating the reserves but the depth of mining is mentioned as 1 mtr. at para-6.2 of the Mining Plan. State Govt. may submit clarification in this regard.



UTTARAKHAND

Agenda Item No. 07: Diversion of 6.945 ha of forest land for construction of Bedabedwal to Sugarkhal Motor Road in favour of Rural Development Department under PMGSY within the jurisdiction of Champawat Forest Division, District Champawat, Uttarakhand. (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/ROAD/12027/2015)

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 6.945 ha of forest land for construction of Bedabedwal to Sugarkhal Motor Road. The committee noted that 126 trees are proposed to be felled in the project. 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The representative from the user agency briefed about the facts and importance of the project to the State Government before the REC members.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to accord in-principle approval for diversion of forest land subject to submission of following documents/information / clarifications:

- 1- State Government may upload the KML file of the area proposed for road at para C (ii) (b), Part I online as submitted in the REC meeting.

Agenda Item No. 08: Diversion of 3.85 ha of missing link forest land for construction of Fatehpur- Belbasani- Naisela- Devidhura Bohragaon motor road (KM 10.700 to 12.700 & Km 15.00 to 18.500) in favour of Rural Development Department within the jurisdiction of Nainital Forest Division, District Nainital, Uttarakhand. (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/ROAD/22139/2016)

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 3.85 ha of missing link forest land for construction of Fatehpur- Belbasani- Naisela- Devidhura Bohragaon motor road. The committee informed that part of the project is already been approved for diversion of 16.31 ha forest area vide this office letter dt. 21/03/2012 and in compliance to which vide letter dt. 22/09/2015, the State Govt. submitted that by mistake 3.85 ha area was shown in Ramnagar Forest Division instead of Nainital Forest Division in the proposal submitted earlier for diversion and now the missing link created in the form change in alignment and change in the number of trees proposed to be felled. After examine the matter in this office vide letter dt. 20/09/2016 State Govt. was asked to submit a fresh proposal for this missing link of 3.85 ha area. The committee noted that

289 trees are proposed to be felled in this project. 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The representative from the user agency briefed about the facts and importance of the project to the State Government before the REC members.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to accord in-principle approval for diversion of forest land subject to submission of following documents/ information / clarifications:

- 1- Previously proposal was approved for 31.85 Km length but due to change in alignment the User Agency was asked to submit a fresh proposal for the missing link. Due to the change in alignment, four new compartments have been affected but it is informed that the length of the road and the affected area has not changed. The DFO should verify and submit a factual report. If any change is observed, then the proposal will be discussed in REC meeting once again.
- 2- State Govt. may submit the component-wise and species-wise approved trees list and list of trees which has been already cut.

Agenda Item No. 09: Diversion of 11.035 ha of forest land for construction of Binwal gaon-Kaliyadhura (Chherakhan) motor road in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Champawat Forest Division, District Champawat, Uttarakhand. (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/ROAD/11895/2015).

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 11.035 ha of forest land for construction of Binwal gaon-Kaliyadhura (Chherakhan) motor road. The committee noted that 982 trees are proposed to be felled in the project. 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. REC noticed that the villages mentioned to be benefitted in the proposal have already been connected from the other already approved roads having online proposal No. FP/UK/ROAD/12706/2015 and FP/UK/ROAD/34874/2018.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to defer the proposal to next meeting and desired that the State Govt. may be requested to submit the following documents/ information / clarifications:



1. State Government may upload the KML file of the proposed road after marking the location of the beneficiary villages along with the population benefited.
2. State Government may submit the requirement of the road as the villages mentioned to be benefitted in the proposal has already been connected from the other already approved road having online proposal No. FP/UK/ROAD/12706/2015 and FP/UK/ROAD/34874/2018.

Agenda Item No. 10: Diversion of 6.405 ha of forest land for construction of Pokhar – Gewali (Bhilang) motor Road in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Tehri, New Tehri Forest Division, District Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand. (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/ROAD/33492/2018).

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 6.405 ha of forest land for construction of Pokhar – Gewali (Bhilang) motor Road. The committee noted that 381 trees are proposed to be felled in the project. 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. REC noticed that village 'Pokhar' is already connected with the existing road.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to defer the proposal to next meeting and desired that the State Govt. may be requested to submit the following documents/ information / clarifications:

1. One of the beneficiary villages 'Pokhar' is already situated on an all-whether road and the proposed alignment to connect the other village does not seems to be necessary. The State Government may explore the alternative alignment from existing road to connect the second beneficiary village i.e. 'Gewali' from some other point.

Agenda Item No. 11: Diversion of 24.317 ha of forest land in favour of SJVN Limited, for construction of Jakhol Sankri Hydro Electric Project (44 MW), within the jurisdiction of Govind wildlife & National Park, Purola and Tons, Purola Forest Division, Distt. Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand. (Online proposal No. FP/UK/HYD/22889/2016).

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 24.317 ha of forest land for construction of Jakhol Sankri Hydro Electric Project (44 MW). The committee noted that in total there are 1530 trees proposed to be felled in the project. 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to defer the proposal to next meeting and desired that the State Govt. may be requested to submit the following documents/ information / clarifications:

1. In para-B-I of Part –I pertaining to past proposal the details of the proposal under consideration has been given which is incorrect.
 2. Map in SoI Toposheet uploaded at para-C (iii) of online part-I has not been authenticated by the DFO, Govind Wild Life Sanctuary Division and the representative of User Agency.
 3. Map in SoI Toposheet uploaded at para-C (iii) has not been authenticated by DFO, Tons FD and the representative of User Agency.
 4. Although the copy of the CAT plan has been uploaded at para-M(ii)(b) but the same is not opening.
 5. Enumeration list of trees present at FRL has been uploaded at para-4 (ii) of online Part-II but the details of trees at FRL-2 mtr and FRL-4 mtr has neither been found uploaded, not provided in hard copy. A certificate of DFO that no tree is in the area proposed for barrage is required to be submitted.
 6. Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area proposed for diversion to erosion given against para-6 of online Part-II is not appropriate, which is required to be corrected.
 7. As per details given in para-13 of online Part-II, CA has been proposed in Govind Wild Life Sanctuary as per details given below.
 - I. Kasla Comptt. No. 2-20.00 ha: The area is situated at an altitude of 3200 m to 3400m.
 - II. Jakhol Comptt. No. 7-15.00 ha: It is seen from KML file that the area is situated at an altitude of 3400m and covered by snow. The area appears to be devoid of any vegetation, hence its suitability for CA is doubtful.
 - III. Unani Comptt. No. 4(b)-15.00 ha: It reveals from KML file that the area is situated at an altitude of 3200m to 3600m and is barren except a small patch at one corner. Hence, its suitability for CA is doubtful.
- State Govt. may select suitable CA area in the other Tons Forest Division.
8. Geo-reference map and the map in SoI Toposheet uploaded at para-13 have not been authenticated by the DFO.

9. DFO, Tons FD has not given the name of Working Circle in para-5 of online Part-II and brief note on vulnerability of the area to erosion also not appropriate.
10. It is seen from the data given in para-14 of online Part-II i.e. District Profile that the CA stipulated (2548.06 ha) is not commensurate to the forest land diverted (1653.08 ha). Logically, CA stipulated is double the area of forest land diverted.
11. Name and designation of the officer has not been mentioned in the recommendation of the State Govt. uploaded at para-16 of online Part-II. Official seal has also not been affixed. Moreover, the document is a photocopy only.
12. Majority of the documents provided in the hard copy of the proposal are photocopies.
13. Yes is mentioned against para-12 of Part II of Govind Wildlife & National Park regarding violation, which needs correction.

Agenda Item No. 12: Diversion of 95.577 ha of forest land for construction of 400 KV DC Transmission line from Pipalkoti to Srinagar under Package-1 from Pipalkoti to Simlasu (Pokhari) in favour of Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited within the jurisdiction of Kedarnath Wild Life Division and Badrinath Forest Division, Distt. Chamoli, Uttarakhand. (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/TRANS/36908/2018).

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 95.577 ha of forest land for construction of 400 KV DC Transmission line from Pipalkoti to Srinagar under Package-1 from Pipalkoti to Simlasu (Pokhari). The committee noted that 3517 trees are proposed to be felled and 5585 trees are proposed to be lopped in the project. 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. Shortcomings in the project containing 03 points is conveyed EDS dt. 03/09/2019. Reply to which has been submitted by the State Govt. and found satisfactory.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in-principle approval for diversion of forest land.

Agenda Item No. 13: Diversion of 6.287 ha of forest land for construction of Kapkot-Pindari Glacier Motor Road to Kafli Kameda Motor Road in favour of Gramya Vikas Vibhag (PMGSY) within the jurisdiction of Bageshwar Forest Division, District Bageshwar, Uttarakhand (Online Proposal No.- FP/UK/ROAD/13065/2015).

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 6.287 ha of forest land for construction of Kapkot-Pindari Glacier Motor Road to Kafli Kameda Motor Road. The

committee noted that 551 trees are proposed to be affected but only 271 trees will be felled in the project. 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The case was previously discussed in the REC meeting held on 15.05.2019, and REC deferred the case. The representative of user agency and concerned DFO presented the proposal before the committee.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in-principle approval for diversion of forest land.

Agenda Item No. 14: Diversion of 11.264 ha of forest land for construction of Tamadhoun to Golna (Link Route) motor Road in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Amora Forest Division, District Almora, Uttarakhand. (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/ROAD/37846/2018).

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 11.264 ha of forest land for construction of Tamadhoun to Golna (Link Route) motor Road. The committee noted that 850 trees (in 9 m width) are proposed to be affected in the project. 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The representative from the user agency briefed about the facts and importance of the project to the State Government before the REC members.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to accord in-principle approval for diversion of forest land subject to submission of following documents/information / clarifications:

1. CA site suitability certificate mentioning density of area uploaded online but the same is not found submitted in original. The CA area should be inspected by DFO and report may be submitted with date.
2. Tree enumeration list is submitted for trees falling in 9m width and it is mentioned that felling will be also be done in 9 m width. User Agency submitted before the REC that tree felling will be done in 7 m width, thus species wise list of 7 m width may be submitted.

Agenda Item No. 15: Diversion of 6.7275 ha of forest land for construction of Dhaoligaon to Keragaon Link motor road in favour of Rural Development Department within the jurisdiction of Champawat Forest Division, District Nainital, Uttarakhand. (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/ROAD/34874/2018).

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 6.7275 ha of forest land for construction of Dhaoligaon to Keragaon Link motor road. The committee noted that 214 trees are proposed to be felled in the project. 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The representative from the user agency briefed about the facts and importance of the project to the State Government before the REC members.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in-principle approval for diversion of forest land.

The meeting ended with thanks to the members and other participants.



(Pankaj Agrawal)
APCCF -cum-Chairman, REC

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5. Principal Secretary (Forest), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Armsdale Building, Shimla.
6. The APCCF & Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation, Uttarakhand, Indira Nagar, Forest Colony, Dehradun for information. He is requested to take action on the decisions taken in the REC meeting (Project wise) & ensure submission of compliance to this office for further necessary action.
7. The ACCF-cum-Nodal Officer In-Charge, Forest Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Talland, Shimla, H.P. for information. She is requested to take action on the decisions taken in the REC meeting (Project wise) & ensure submission of compliance to this office for further necessary action.


(Pankaj Agrawal)
APCCF-cum-Chairman, REC

