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### पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, जम्मृ / Integrated Regional Office, Jammu



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October, 2022

To,

CCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FC), Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment Van Bhawan, Below Gumat, Jammu-180001 (ccffcajk1@gmail.com)

Sub: Diversion of 4.37 ha forest land for construction of 132 KV D/C Ramban Sangaldan transmission line for providing power supply to Konkan railway, UT of Jammu & Kashmir-reg.

Ref: i) Online proposal bearing on FP/JK/TRANS/145320/2021 received on dated 07.09.2022

Sir,

Kindly refer to the online proposal of Government of Jammu & Kashmir on the abovementioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of **4.37 ha** of forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

- 2. After careful examination of the above-mentioned proposal of the Govt of J&K, the following information/clarification is still required to be submitted:
- i. Need to revise DGPS map pdf of project site, because the highlighted green colour latitude/longitude are not visible and due to this verification of projects site is incomplete.
- ii. NPV calculation sheet of Batote Forest Division is not in accordance with the Vegetation density uploaded under 4(i). Hence, it needs to be revised.
- iii. DFO is required to submit Impact mitigation plan for the wildlife mentioned under part-II duly vetted by the competent authority in Wildlife wing.
- iv. There is violation reported by the DFO, Ramban. The State Govt. is required to verify if the violation was committed before applying for seeking the clearance under Forest Conservation Act, 1980. If the act of violation was done after applying for seeking approval under FC Act, this will fit into the case, where the proposal under FC Act is under consideration and forest land is diverted before grant of FC. Hence, the State Govt. will initiate disciplinary action against official concerned as per provision of 1.21 (ii)c and will prosecute the User agency for violation under local act of the State for unauthorised use of forest land without the permission of th State Authority as per 1.21 (ii)d of the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines and clarifications), 2019 of MoEF&CC. A report for action taken needs to be submitted.
- 3. The compliance to the above may be submitted within 30 days from the date of issue of this letter failing which the proposal shall be liable to be rejected for want to information.

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Signed by Raja Ram Singh Date: 25-10-2022 15:31:29

Reason: Approved

Yours faithfully Sd/-(Raja Ram Singh) DIGF (Central) Regional Officer IRO Jammu

## Copy to: -

- i) The Divisional Forest Officer, Batote Forest Division, District Ramban, Jammu & Kashmir (dfobatote711@gmail.com)
- ii) The Divisional Forest Officer, Ramban Forest Division, District Ramban, Jammu & Kashmir (dforamban@gmail.com)
- iii) Executive Engineer TLMD 3 Udhampur, District Udhampur, U.T. of Jammu and Kashmir (tlmdudh@gmail.com)

Government of Jammu and Kashmir Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, HoFF, J&K, Jammu.

May to Oct.: Forest Complex, Sheikh Bagh, Lai Chowk-Sgr 190001 Ph: 0194- 2484939, 2483937, Fax 0194-2455027

Nov. to Apl.: Van Bhawan Below Gurnat 180001 Ph: 0191-2548397, 2560585, Fax 0191-2547276 URL Address: <u>www.jkforest.com</u>

No: PCCF/FCA/ 3383 5006-09

Dated: 27 - 10-2022

Copy to the:

1. Conservator of Forests, Chenab Circle, Doda.

2. Divisional Forest Officer, Ramban Forest Division.

3. Divisional Forest Officer, Batote Forest Division.

4. Ex. Engineer TLMD 3 Udhampur, Jakheni Chowk Udhampur. (tlmdudh@gmail.com)

They are requested to furnish the reply to the EDS within 3 days.

(Sarvesh Rai) IFS

Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests,

Link Officer (FCA

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