

**MINUTES OF THE 35<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE REGIONAL  
EMPOWERED COMMITTEE (REC) OF REGIONAL OFFICE,  
NORTH CENTRAL ZONE,  
DEHRADUN HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018.**

The 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of the Regional Office (North Central Zone) Dehradun was held on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 in the meeting room of the Regional Office, 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
1	Shri. Pankaj Agrawal, IFS, Addl. PCCF Regional Office, Dehradun.	Chairman
2	Shri Parveen Thapliyal, IFS (Retd.)	Non-official Member
3	Dr. S. P. Singh	Non-official Member
4	Ms. Kamal Preet, CF, R.O. Dehradun	Member
5	Representatives of the User Agencies	

Dr. G. S. Rawat.( IFS Retired), non- official member could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments. Sh. Satish Kumar Gupta, DCF, represented the Nodal officer of Himachal Pradesh. Nodal Officer of Uttarakhand could not attend the meeting due to prior engagements. 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 8.0651 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of Khokha Rewati Sheolla Dakoli road (kms. 0/0 to 11/735), within the jurisdiction of Chopal Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. - FP/HP/ROAD/26308/2017 ).

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 8.0651 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of Khokha Rewati Sheolla Dakoli road (kms. 0/0 to 11/735), within the jurisdiction of Chopal Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. The committee was informed that 193 number of trees (152 trees & 41 saplings ) 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. Further no violation has been reported under FCA.

The committee was informed that the forest land proposed for diversion is 04 km away from the Talra Wildlife Sanctuary for which CWLW comments were also submitted in hardcopy of the proposal. The committee was apprised that all the necessary documents are available in the proposal in original as well as in the online portal at designated place. During discussion on the proposal, it was observed by the Committee that that KML file of the project for area proposed for diversion does not shows the proposed road completely as shown in the digital map, hence needs to be rectified.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to accord in-principal approval subject to condition that KML file of proposed road would be corrected by the state government.*

**Agenda item no. 02:**

**Diversion of 8.0793 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of link road from Dhadu Nala to Telar (Kms. 0/0 to 10/455), within the jurisdiction of Chopal Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. - FP/HP/ROAD/24775/2017)**

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 8.0793 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the construction of link road from Dhadu Nala to Telar (Kms. 0/0 to 10/455), within the jurisdiction of Chopal Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. The committee was informed that 145 number of 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. Further no violation has been reported under FCA.

The committee was apprised that the forest land proposed for diversion lies at 04 km away from the Talra Wildlife Sanctuary for which CWLW comments are required. The representative of the Nodal Officer (FCA), HP submitted the comments of CWLW of Himachal Pradesh during the meeting which was found satisfactory .

The committee was apprised that all the necessary documents are available in the proposal in original as well as in the online portal at designated place except employment generation details at Part-I.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to accord 'in-principal' approval with following additional condition:*

1. *The State Government would correct the employment details online.*

**Agenda Item No. 03:**

Diversion of 5.6581 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD for construction of Dummi to Kharechi road (Kms 0/0 to 10/165), within the jurisdiction of Shimla Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, H.P. (Online Proposal No. - FP/HP/ROAD/8164/2014)

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 5.6581 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD for construction of Dummi to Kharechi road (Kms 0/0 to 10/165), within the jurisdiction of Shimla Forest Division, Distt. Shimla, H.P. The committee was informed that 636 number of trees & 511 saplings are proposed to be felled under 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 under FCA has been reported.

The committee was further informed that the proposal was earlier discussed by REC in its meeting held on dated 18.09.2018 and decision was deferred subject to submission of clarification / documents on 03 points pertaining to alternatives, species to be planted in CA and CB analysis which has since been complied to by the State Govt. vide letter dated 06.12.2018.

Further the committee was apprised that a complaint dated 16.10.2018 related to this proposal has been received highlighting that this road involved the cutting of the

approximate 1000 to 1500 trees of deodar and that village "Kadiachi" was already connected through road from other side and the work is still in full swing, for which the regional office had already sought comments of the state government vide dated 21.12.2018 which are still awaited.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee deferred the case and desired that comments from the state government may be sought on justification of the proposal in view of allegation that both the villages are already well connected by the road.*

**Agenda Item No. 04 :**

**Diversion of 20.9851 ha of forest land in favour of HPSEB Ltd., for the construction of 66 KV Transmission Line from 66 KV Sub Station Sainj to proposed 66/22 KV Sub Station at Lastadhar (Chopal), within the jurisdiction of Theog & Chopal Forest Division Distt. Shimla, H.P. (Online Proposal No. - FP/HP/Trans/18040/2016)**

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 20.9851 ha of forest land in favour of HPSEB Ltd., for the construction of 66 KV Transmission Line from 66 KV Sub Station Sainj to proposed 66/22 KV Sub Station at Lastadhar (Chopal), within the jurisdiction of Theog & Chopal Forest Division Distt. Shimla, H.P. The committee was informed that 1445 number of trees are involved in Theog forest division & Chopal forest division in the project and that 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 has been reported under FCA. The representative of the user agency informed that only 117 no. of trees would be felled.

The committee was apprised that as per DSS report three towers out of proposed 69 towers fall under 'inviolable' area. The representative of the user agency was given the geo-coordinates of the towers for examination and comments from the state government based on ground-verification by the DFO. The committee was also informed that 01 ha of area proposed for CA falls under MDF for which state government is required to submit plantation scheme as per guidelines.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee recommended the case for 'in principal' approval subject to following conditions:*

- i) State government may submit comments and clarification on the 03 towers that were proposed to be located in inviolate forest.*
- ii) State government may submit plantation scheme against 01 ha CA area falling under MDF.*

## UTTARAKHAND

### Agenda Item No. 01 :

**Diversion of 5.3025 ha of forest land for construction of Masrana to kimoj Motor Road in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Mussoorie Forest Division District Tehri, Uttarakhand (Online Proposal No. - FP/UK/ROAD/23731/2017**

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 5.3025 ha of forest land for construction of Masrana to kimoj Motor Road in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Mussoorie Forest Division, District Tehri, Uttarakhand. The committee was informed that 916 number of 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. Further no violation has been reported under FCA.

The REC was apprised that 0.42 ha area of the proposal road falls in protected area under Mussoorie wildlife sanctuary for which approval of NBWL is already been obtained by the state government in its 39<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 23.08.2016. The REC was also apprised by the Technical Officer of the Regional office, Dehradun about the justification of the project who had undertaken site inspection of the proposed area.

The REC was informed that the state government is required to rectify the district profile in Part II online as well as correct NPV calculation revising the eco-class from class V which does not seem to be correct. In view of large no. of oak trees proposed to be felled, the committee directed that 50% of oak plants may be planted in the CA.

Original documents of the project proposal were also handed over by the representative of the user agency during the meeting as earlier these were submitted in photocopies.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to accord in-principal approval with following additional conditions:*

- i) The state Government would correct the district profile online.*
- ii) The state Government would submit rectified NPV calculations sheet.*
- iii) The state Government would an undertaking that 50% of oak plants would be planted under the CA*

The meeting ended with the thanks to the REC members and the representatives of the nodal offices of Uttarakhand and Himachal.

  
(Pankaj Agrawal)


APCCF -cum-Chairman, REC

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3. Dr. S.P.Singh, New Vasant Vihar Enclave, House No.-09 (Right Row), Opp. Polly Kids School, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
4. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), 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.
5. The ACCF & 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.

  
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