

**MINUTES OF THE FORTNIGHTLY REGIONAL COORDINATION MEETING  
HELD ON 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

The Fortnightly Regional Coordination Meeting (FRCM) was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 at 11:00 AM in the conference room of the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Dehradun under the Chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Agrawal, IFS, Addl. PCCF, Integrated Regional Office, Dehradun to discuss the pending proposals.

Following officers were present in the meeting either in person or through video conferencing: -

Sl.No.	Name	Designation
01	Shri. Pankaj Agrawal, IFS	Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, IRO, Dehradun
02	Shri. Gajendra Prakash Narwane, IFS	AIG, Integrated Regional Office, Dehradun
03	Dr. Yogesh Gairola	Technical Officer, IRO, Dehradun
04	Shri. Sunny Goel	Technical Officer, IRO, Dehradun
Following invitees joined the meeting		
05	Shri. S. S. Rasaily, IFS	APCCF-cum- Nodal Officer, Uttarakhand
06	DFO, Lansdowne Forest Division, Gopeshwar (through VC)	
07	DFO, Garhwal Forest Division (through VC)	
08	DFO, Almora Forest Division (through VC)	
09	DFO, Bageshwar Forest Division (through VC)	
10	Representative of the User Agency	

At the outset, Addl. PCCF, IRO, MoEF&CC, Dehradun welcomed all the members for the meeting. He briefly described that the FRCM aims to expedite proposals submitted

by various agencies and to develop better co-ordination. Following proposals were identified by the IRO and discussed in the meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 01: Diversion of 42.076 ha of forest Land for construction of Kotdwara-Satpuli-Jwalpa-Srinagar section (from Km 139.000 to 276.000) of NH -119 in the state of Uttarakhand and Section Form km 139.000 to 196.600 in favour of MoRTH within the jurisdiction of Lansdowne Forest Division, District Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand. (FP/UK/ROAD/45326/2020)**

The proposal was discussed in detail. The user agency along with the concerned DFO presented the proposal in the meeting. It was apprised that as per the DSS analysis of CA area, 6 ha area falls in VDF category and 43 ha area in MDF. The DFO informed that the CA area has already been inspected by him in person and the same is suitable for plantation. It was also noted that in addition to the required CA area, additional 3 ha area has been provided for CA. It was also noted that 18.609 ha of civil soyam area is selected for muck disposal which appears to be on a very higher side. Further, it was noticed that the areas selected for muck disposal have dense forests and steep slope. Hence are not found suitable for disposal of muck.

*After detailed discussion it was decided that the State Government may be requested to ensure compliance of the following points:*

1. The DFO shall submit a Site Inspection Report for 43 ha CA area falling in MDF category clearly mentioning if the area is suitable for plantation.
2. Since 3 ha area has already been proposed in addition to the required extent of CA area, only additional 3 ha area is also required to be selected for CA against the 6-ha area falling in VDF category and details are required to be uploaded online.
3. The DFO along with the User Agency shall visit the proposed muck dumping sites and shall review and minimize the area proposed for muck dumping. It shall be ensured that revenue lands / degraded forests with gentle slope are selected.
4. DFO shall submit the reclamation plan for the muck disposal area.

**Agenda Item No. 02: Diversion of 32.553 ha of forest Land for construction of Satpuli to Srinagar (National Highway-119) Civil Soyam Forest 20.115 Ha., Panchayat Forest 0.151 Ha., Reserved Forest 4.367 Ha., Muck Disposal 7.92 Ha in favour of MoRTH within the jurisdiction of Garhwal Forest Division, District Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand. (FP/UK/ROAD/45296/2020).**

The proposal was discussed in the meeting with the concerned DFO and user agency. It was apprised that the observations on few points were made by this office vide EDS letter dated 10.06.2022, reply to which has been received on 01.12.2022 and the same was examined. It was apprised that after examination of the reply, few observations were further noticed in the proposal which were discussed in the meeting with the concerned DFO and user agency.

*After detailed discussion it was decided that the State Government may be requested to ensure compliance of the following points:*

1. As per DSS analysis of new CA area, 17 ha is found to be VDF and 16 ha is found to be MDF. The DFO is required to submit a site inspection report of the MDF area clearly mentioning if the MDF area is suitable for plantation. The area falling in VDF shall be revised and details be submitted on the online portal.
2. Details of the 56.819 ha of non-forest land are uploaded in the field additional document in Part I. Same shall be filled in para B of part I by the User Agency.
3. Details of 76 saplings are required to be uploaded at para 4 in part II by the Forest Department.
4. The DFO along with the User Agency shall visit the proposed muck dumping sites and shall review and minimize the area proposed for muck dumping. It shall be ensured that revenue lands / degraded forests with gentle slope are selected.
5. DFO shall submit the reclamation plan for the muck disposal area.

**Agenda Item No. 03: Diversion of 2.602 ha of forest Land for construction of Chelchina Basantpur Jaiti Motor Road Length 10.00 Km in favour of PWD, within the jurisdiction of Almora Civil & Soyam Forest Division, District Almora, Uttarakhand. (FP/UK/ROAD/38787/2019).**

The user agency along with the DFO presented the proposal in the meeting. The KML file of the proposed road was seen in the meeting and it was observed that the villages proposed seem to be already connected with existing roads. The User Agency and the DFO were asked regarding the justification of the proposal to which the User Agency replied that the road is proposed to reduce the distance to the existing market. However, the reply did not seem to be convincing as the villages are already connected to the existing roads.

*After detailed discussion it was decided that the State Government may be requested to ensure compliance of the following points:*

1. In context with the EDS dt. 22.12.2022, the concerned DFO is requested to visit the site and submit the inspection report.
2. The User agency shall submit a detailed map and KML file showing all the proposed villages, roads connecting the existing villages and the market place, existing Government infrastructure such as Polytechnic, ITI, Colleges, banks, post office, etc.
3. The information regarding the distance of the existing roads connecting the proposed villages from the market place is required to be submitted.
4. Minimum possible alignment to connect the existing villages to the market shall be submitted.

**Agenda Item No. 04: Diversion of 0.35 ha of forest Land for construction of Bageshwar phase 1 Mandalsera WTP and main CWR in favour of Uttarakhand Payjal Nigam, within the jurisdiction of Bageshwar Forest Division, District Bageshwar, Uttarakhand. (FP/UK/WATER/154730/2022)**

The proposal was discussed in detail with the concerned DFO & user agency. It was noted that the observation in the proposal has been conveyed vide EDS dt. 06.12.2022, reply to

which is still awaited. The concerned User Agency were inquired regarding as to how the water shall be distributed from the proposed distribution unit to which reply was received that a separate proposal for the distribution has already been approved. The KML file of the proposal for distribution of water was also seen in the meeting, however it was found that neither the proposed site nor the alternative suggested have connectivity to the distribution system.

*After detailed discussion it was decided that the State Government may be requested to ensure compliance of the following points:*

1. Reply to the EDS dt. 06.12.2022, shall be provided.
2. The concerned DFO along with the User Agency shall visit the proposed and alternative site and comment on its suitability vis-à-vis the already approved distribution system.
3. If the muck being generated is to be used in the project area itself then the same shall be mentioned in the proposal.

**Agenda Item No. 05: Diversion of 0.9921 ha of forest Land for construction of Church, Priest House, School, Teacher & Servant's Quarter at Rosary Villa, Bhowali, within the jurisdiction of Nainital Forest Division, District Nainital, Uttarakhand. (FP/UK/OTHERS/9704/2015)**

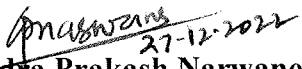
The proposal was discussed in detail in the meeting along with the user agency and the concerned DFO. It was apprised that the Stage I approval has already been granted in the proposal vide letter dt. 25.10.2019 and in this case the plantation of 2000 plants was to be carried out. On DSS analysis of the submitted CA area, 1 ha was observed to be MDF. It was further noted that the block plantation was said to be carried out for which Rs. 24,20,000/- has been charged from the user agency. An observation in this regard has also been made vide 06.12.2022 reply to which is still awaited.

*After detailed discussion, State Government is required to take necessary action on following points:*

1. The State Government is requested to submit the reply to this office EDS letter dt. 06.12.2022.

2. 2 Ha area suitable for plantation of 2000 trees shall be provided.
3. For plantation of 2000 plants in 2 Ha area the amount be calculated as per the rates prescribed for block plantation. The excess amount deposited against plantation of 2000 trees may be returned to the project proponent.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.


  
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2. The APCCF & Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation, Govt. of Uttarakhand, Indira Nagar Forest Colony, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

  
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