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सितंबर, 2024 को आयोजित

पाक्षिक क्षेत्रीय समन्वय बैठक (एफ०आर०सी०एम०) का कार्यवृत्त

**MINUTES OF THE FORTNIGHTLY REGIONAL COORDINATION
MEETING (FRCM) OF REGIONAL OFFICE, MoEF&CC, DEHRADUN
HELD ON 13th SEPTEMBER, 2024**

वन (संरक्षण एवं संवर्धन) अधिनियम, 1980 तथा वन (संरक्षण एवं संवर्धन) अधिनियम, 2023 के तहत वन भूमि प्रत्यावर्तन से संबंधित लंबित प्रस्तावों पर चर्चा करने हेतु पाक्षिक क्षेत्रीय समन्वय बैठक (FRCM) दिनांक 13 सितंबर, 2024 को पूर्वाह्न 11:30 बजे श्री श्रीमति नीलिमा शाह (भा०व०से०), सहायक महानिरीक्षक वन (केन्द्रीय) की अध्यक्षता में क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्रालय, देहरादून के बैठक कक्ष में आयोजित की गई।

बैठक में निम्नलिखित अधिकारी व्यक्तिगत रूप / वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग के माध्यम से उपस्थित थे-

Sl.No.	Name	Designation
1.	Smt. Neelima Shah, IFS	Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Dehradun.
2.	Shri Ranjan Kumar Mishra, IFS	PCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Govt. of Uttarakhand (Through VC)
3.	Shri Hare Ram Kumar	Technical Officer (F), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Dehradun.
4.	DFO, Tarai East forest Division, Haldwani	
5.	DFO, Upper Yamuna Forest Division, Barkot (through VC)	

6.	DFO, Rudraprayag Forest Division (through VC)
7.	Representative of DFO, Champawat Forest Division (through VC)
8.	Representatives of the User Agency viz. NHAI, PWD, PMGSY and Polytechnic college, Chopta.

At the outset, Mrs. Neelima Shah, AIGF, welcomed all participants in the meeting and further forest diversion related matters/ proposals as desired/ proposed by the State Government/ Project Proponents were discussed in the meeting:

Agenda Item No. 01:

Diversion of 31.86 ha of Forest Land for 2 Lane Widening of NH 123 (507) Km 75 to 101 Motor Road in favour of NHAI, PIU Dehradun, within the jurisdiction of Upper Yamuna Forest Division, Barkot District Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand. (Online no. FP/UK/ROAD/19158/2016).

The proposal was discussed with the user agency and with the concerned DFO. It was noted that the KML file of the area proposed for diversion has not been uploaded in the proposal, instead KML file of Compensatory Afforestation (CA) area has been uploaded at that place i.e. para C in Part-I online. It was also noted that CA area in 07 patches has been submitted and out of these 7 patches, 4 area found suitable and 3 area having Moderately Dense Forest (MDF). Moreover, one consolidated CA scheme for all 7 patches has been submitted.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that the document/ clarification/ information on following point(s) may be sought from the State Government:

1. KML file of the area proposed for diversion is required to be uploaded at para C (ii) b on Part-I of Parivesh Portal, so that proposal could be processed as per the Van (S&S) Act, 1980.
2. It is to ensure that separate CA schemes for all 7 patches alongwith area details (khasra No., village name etc.) shall be submitted and uploaded.
3. As per the Section 13 of Van (S&S) Rules, 2023 *“Provided further that if the non-forest land being made available for compensatory afforestation already bears vegetation of 0.4 canopy density or more, there shall not be an additional requirement of planting of trees on such land but a programme for*

improvement of the forest crop shall be implemented by the Forest Department in a time-bound manner.

The CA area in NFL/Civil Soyam land having 0.4 canopy density or more are to be dealt as per above.

4. Cost benefit analysis with current NPV rates shall be submitted.

Agenda Item No. 02:

Diversion of 2.0 ha of forest Land for construction of Government Polytechnic, Chopta in favour of Government Polytechnic Chopta, within the jurisdiction of Rudraprayag Forest Division, Rudraprayag District of Uttarakhand (Online No. FP/UK/Others/44711/2020).

The proposal was discussed with the Project Proponent and with the concerned DFO. A detailed presentation was given by the project proponent. The project proponent were asked to justify the project on the given forest land, to which it was apprised that DM has certified that no alternate land is available for the purpose. The KML file of the proposal was seen and it was noted that there is some structure already constructed in the area. It was also apprised by the user agency and DFO that the entire land is civil soyam land and some structure which is visible are temporary and constructed in 2014, which is a violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980. As per the record available, the then DFO, Rudraprayag vide letter dated 05.11.2015 intimated the matter to Nodal Officer (FCA) and the work was stopped at that time.

It was noted that the area proposed for diversion is given in three patches covering 2.00 ha area which appears on higher side. The project proponent was asked to reduce the area to bare minimum to which project proponent accepted to reduce it to 0.99 ha or say 1.00 ha area in one patch and accordingly CA to be submitted over 2.00 ha.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that the document/ clarification/ information on following point(s) may be sought from the State Government:

1. *Looking into the significance of Govt. Polytechnic collage in hilly district, it was directed to User Agency to revise the proposal for 0.99 ha area in one*

patch and all necessary/relevant documents shall be uploaded on Parivesh Portal accordingly.

- 2. The details of CA over 2.00 ha alongwith CA scheme, KML file and suitability certificate shall be submitted and uploaded on Parivesh Portal.*
- 3. The DFO shall submit a fresh Site Inspection Report (SIR) as per the current ground situation/violation including the detail of the trees proposed to be affected in the proposal.*

Agenda Item No. 03:

Diversion of 3.115 ha of forest land for construction of Askote Sainthal Gadali to Mauchora Motor Road in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Pithoragarh Forest Division, District Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand (Online No. FP/UK/ROAD/50469/2020).

The proposal was discussed with the concerned user agency. The KML file was seen in the meeting in detail. The road is connecting village Badigaon, Gadali and Mauchora. Beyond village Mauchora the road is extended where no habitation is visible and village Bijori which is shown is quite far from the road with the proposed road (even not connect). It was apprised by the user agency that village Gadali is having population of 150 people.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that the State Government shall revise the proposal by ending the road upto village Mauchora i.e. point No. 11 (as per geo-referenced digital map) and all details such as trees enumeration, CA details, land schedule, area details, NPV, etc shall be revised and uploaded/submitted accordingly.

Agenda Item No. 04:

Diversion of 4.98 ha of forest land for construction of Leti-Riyasi to Tarkuli motor road in favour of Irrigation Division, PWD within the jurisdiction of Chhampawat Forest Division, district Champawat, Uttarakhand (Online No. FP/UK/ROAD/9917/2015).

The proposal was discussed with the concerned DFO. It was noted that the Stage-I approval has already been accorded in the proposal vide letter dated

03.10.2018 with condition of raising CA in 9.96 ha civil soyam land in village Aamni. It was noted that the State Government has reported that the plantation has been carried out over Degraded Forest Land in 2019-2020 without approval of Government of India.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that the document/ clarification/ information on following point(s) may be sought from the State Government:

- 1. How the plantation is done without taking approval of the Government of India?*
- 2. Plantation Journal of the CA area shall be submitted.*

Agenda Item No. 05:

Diversion of 0.98 ha of forest land for construction of alternative motorway for residential units above the lower terminal point of the Ropeway Project from Purukul village in Dehradun to Mussoorie (Library Chowk) in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Mussoorie Forest Division, district Dehradun, Uttarakhand (Online No. FP/UK/ROAD/443588/2023).

The proposal was discussed with the Project Proponent and with the concerned DFO. The KML file of the proposal was seen in the meeting and it was noted that there is already an existing road adjacent to the proposed road. Further, the existing road is an already approved road having online no. FP/UK/ROAD/20710/2016. It was informed by the project proponent that the road shifting is necessary for construction of the ropeway yard. It was noted that the forest land between the existing and proposed road will possibly be encroached in future.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that the document/ clarification/ information on following point(s) may be sought from the State Government:

- 1. The FC approval status of ropeway shall be submitted, if any.*
- 2. The status of ropeway with KML file shall be submitted.*
- 3. KML file of the CA area shall be uploaded.*

Agenda Item No. 06:

Diversion of 1.17 ha forest land for Construction of Uffraikhal-Bhatbau-

Gaadhark-Bharadidhar-Bhagwati Talaiya Motor Road in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Gahwal Forest Division, Pauri, District Pauri, Garhwal in Uttarakhand (Online No. FP/UK/OTHERS/413330/2023).

The proposal was discussed with the Project Proponent and with the concerned DFO. It was noted that the KML file of proposed diversion area is not correct and copy of agreement between User Agency & villagers for muck dumping is not submitted/uploaded.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that the User Agency shall upload the KML file of proposed diversion area and copy of agreement between User Agency & villagers for muck dumping.

Agenda Item No. 07:

Diversion of 3.376 ha forest land for Construction of Maalai to Bhatkwali Motor Road under PMGSY in favour of PMGSY within the jurisdiction of Kedarnath Wild Life Division, Gopeshwar, District Chamoli in Uttarakhand (Online No. FP/UK/ROAD/18222/2016).

The proposal was discussed with the Project Proponent and with the concerned DFO. It was noted that Stage-I has already been accorded in the proposal vide letter dt. 08.09.2016. The notification of CA under Indian Forest Act, 1927 has not been done.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that CA area shall be notified as Reserve Forest/ Protected Forest under Indian Forest Act, 1927 and copy of the same shall be submitted.

Agenda Item No. 08:

Diversion of 2.73 ha of forest land for construction of Bungidhar Mehalchauri Bachhuwaban MR, km-25 to Syuni Talli Motor Road in favour of PMGSY within the jurisdiction of Kedarnath Wild Life Division, Gopeshwar, District Chamoli, Uttarakhand (Online No. FP/UK/ROAD/ 10762/2015).

The proposal was discussed with the Project Proponent and with the concerned DFO. It was noted that Stage-I has already been accorded in the proposal vide letter

dt. 22.01.2018 with a condition of raising CA in 5.46 ha of civil soyam land in village Khinsar. But, it was seen that the CA plantation has been carried out over Degraded Forest Land without taking approval.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that the document/ clarification/ information on following point(s) may be sought from the State Government:

- 1. How the plantation is done without taking approval of the Government of India?*
- 2. The DFO shall submit the status of Oak trees in CA area as per Stage-I approval condition.*

Agenda Item No. 09:

Diversion of 1.825 ha of forest land for construction of Tharali Kurar Motor Road, km-15 to Gummar Lagga Gerur Link Motor Road in favour of PMGSY within the jurisdiction of Badrinath Forest Division, Gopeshwar district Chamoli, Uttarakhand (Online No. FP/UK/ROAD/ 27732/2017).

The proposal was discussed and it is found that the Stage-I approval was issued on 17.12.2019 and compliance report of Stage-I approval has not been received till.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that the User Agency shall submit/upload compliance report of Stage-I approval.

Agenda Item No. 10:

Diversion of 4.72 ha of forest land for construction of Bakriya Bend to Chhimta link Motor Road in favour of PMGSY within the jurisdiction of Kedarnath Wild Life Division, Gopeshwar, District Chamoli, Uttarakhand (Online No. FP/UK/ROAD/ 21220/2016).

The proposal was discussed with the Project Proponent and the concerned DFO. It was noted that Stage-I has already been accorded in the proposal vide letter dt. 13.03.2020 with a condition that minimum 50% of Oak plantation to be carried out in CA area. The compliance report of Stage-I approval was received on 09.02.2021. After various correspondence, this office raised EDS on 29.08.2024.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that the document/ clarification/ information on following point(s) may be sought from the State Government:

1. Status of plantation in CA area.
2. What is the percentage of Oak plantation in CA area ?

Agenda Item No. 11:

Diversion of 5.964 ha of forest land for construction of Sarkot-Devsari motor road in favour of PMGSY within the jurisdiction of Badrinath Forest Division, Gopeshwar district Chamoli, Uttarakhand (Online No. FP/UK/ROAD/20189/2016).

The proposal was discussed with the Project Proponent and with the concerned DFO. It was noted that Stage-I has already been accorded in the proposal vide letter dt. 21.08.2018 with a condition of raising CA in 11.928 ha of civil soyam land in village Ghes. But, it was seen that the CA plantation has been carried out over Degraded Forest Land without taking Govt. of India approval approval.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that the document/ clarification/ information on following point(s) may be sought from the State Government:

1. How the plantation is done without taking prior approval of the Government of India?

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

(नीलिमा शाह, भा०व०से०)
सहायक महानिरीक्षक वन (केन्द्रीय)

फ़ाइल संख्या : IRO-DDN/FRCM/01/2022/

दिनांक: As per E-sign

वितरण:

1. अपर मुख्य सचिव (वन) उत्तराखण्ड शासन, सुभाष रोड़, देहरादून ।
2. प्रमुख वन संरक्षक एवं नोडल अधिकारी, वन संरक्षण, इन्दिरानगर फारेस्ट कालोनी, उत्तराखण्ड, देहरादून।