Jammu & Kashmir Forest Department Office of the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Jammu & Kashmir



The Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Department of Forests, Ecology and Environment, Civil Secretariat, Jammu

No. PCCF/FCA/3383/ 6/96-97

Dated 3a-12-2022

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:

- Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC Jammu's communication No. 9-JKB-052/2022-Jammu dated October, 2022.
- Online proposal bearing no. FP/JK/TRANS/145320/2021 received on dated 07.09.2022

Sir.

This is with reference to the above proposal. In response to the observations of the REC, MoEF&CC Jammu, the requisite documents have been uploaded by user agency and DFOs of Ramban and Batote Forest Divisions. The point wise detail is given as under:-

Sr. No.	Content of the EDS	Action taken
L The state of the	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	Revised DPGS map of project site has been uploaded by user agency under column C(iv) in Part-I
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	Revised NPV calculation has been uploaded by DFO Batote in Part-II at Sr.No.3 (additional documents)
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	Impact mitigation plan for the wildlife mentioned under part-II duly vetted by the competent authority in Wildlife wing has been uploaded at Sr.No.8 (additional documents)

There is violation reported by the DFO, Ramban. The State Govt. is required to verify if the violation was committed before applying for seeking 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 the 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

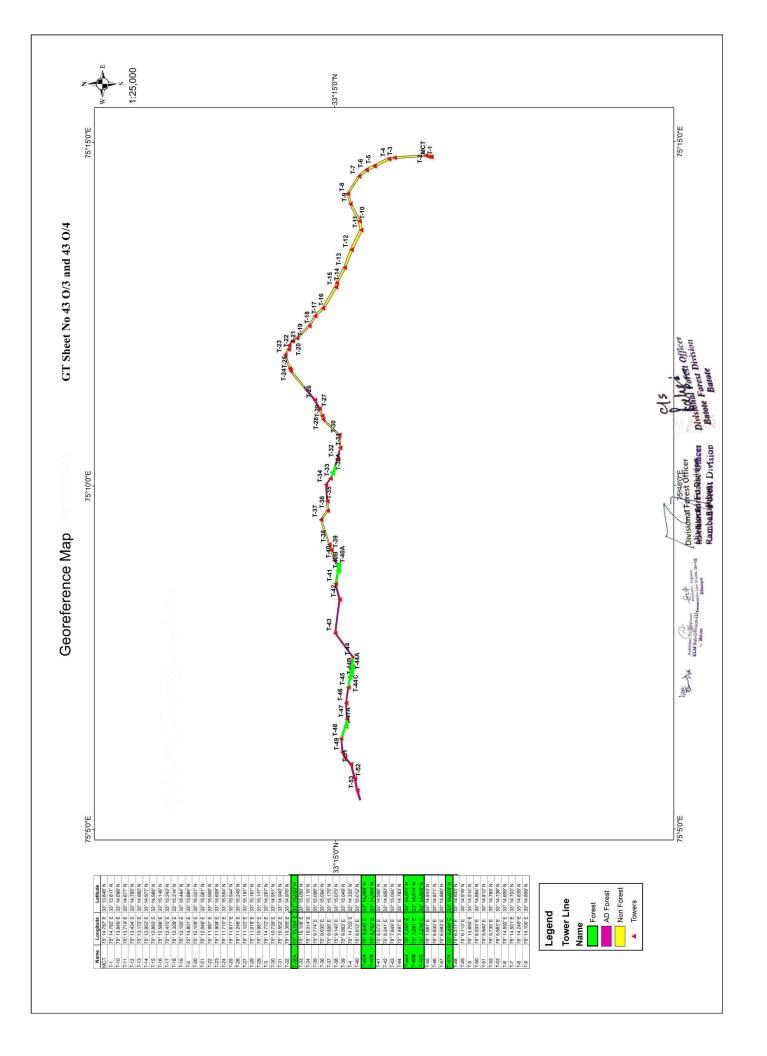
taken needs to be submitted.

Action taken report has been uploaded by DFO Ramban at Sr.No. 3 (additional documents) in Part-II.

Yours faithfully

(S.Senthil Kumar) IFS
Chief Conservator of Forests
Nodal Officer (FCA) 28 12 22

Copy to: The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, and Forest & Climate Change Jammu for information. This is with reference to above communication on the subject.



FP/JK/TRANS/145320/2021

CALCULATION SHEET OF NET PRESENT VALUE OF FOREST LAND TO BE DIVERTED TO EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, TLMD-3 UDHUMPUR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 132 KV TL RAMBAN-GOOL SANGALDAAN AS ADDITIONAL LAND.

S. No	Division	Comptt No	Forest Area (in	Canopy Density	Eco- Class	NPV Rate (Lac Rs / Ha)	NPV Amount (Rs in Lacs)	Remarks
			Ha)					9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	3
1	Batote	54/G	0.540	0.3	V	1005210	542813	
		55/G	0.135	0.6	V	1292850	174535	
_ _		56/G	0.267	0.6	V	1292850	345579	
4		57/G	0.405	0.3	V	1005210	407110	
	Total		1.347				1470037	

Range Officer Gandhri Forest Range Gandhri (Kuldeep Singh) JKFS
Divisional Forest Officer
Batote Forest Division
Batote



Boulevard Road, Near Lalit Grand Palace, Srinagar -190001 Tel/Fax No: 0194-2501069 Manda - Hills (Near Ashoka Hotel) Jammu – 180005, Tele/Fax: 0191-2572570 Website: www.jkwildlife.com Email: jkwildlife78@gmail.com ikwildlife72@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE PR. CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (WILDLIFE)/ CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN

Proposal for Diversion of 4.37 Ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV/ D/C Ramban Sangaldan Subject: transmission line for providing power supply to Konkan Railway, District Ramban, UT of Jammu and Kashmir (Online proposal No. FP/JK/TRANS/145320/2021)

The Mitigation plan for Wildlife proposed with respect to transmission line mentioned in the subject, as prepared by the User Agency in consultation with Divisional Forest Officer, Ramban Forest Division, Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Botote, and Wildlife Warden, Chenab Division, Kishtwar has been examined and found to have the necessary components i.e. Vertical distance of 4 meters approximately between two conductors to avoid electrocution of large winged birds/ Bird diverter/coloured/ contrast marker devices for making it visible to birds from long distances/ Bird guard on towers to prevent sitting of birds on insulator strings and proper barricades and fence to prevent accidental falling of mammals in the vicinity of construction sites. The said mitigation plan for Wildlife is as such approved subject to following conditions:-

1. Divisional Forest Officer, Ramban Forest Division, shall ensure that all provisions as specified in the mitigation plan are constructed by the user Agency.

No harm to any Wildlife species shall be done, if found accidently in the project area.

The User Agency shall keep Vertical distance of 4 meters approximately between two conductors to avoid electrocution of large winged birds/ Bird diverter/coloured/ contrast marker devices for making it visible to birds from long distances/ Bird guard on towers to prevent sitting of birds on insulator strings and proper barricades and fence to prevent accidental falling of mammals in the vicinity of construction sites at critical Wildlife passage areas to be specified by the concerned Wildlife Warden.

4. Divisional Forest Officer, Ramban Forest Division, shall ensure that all the provisions made in the mitigation plan are strictly executed by the User Agency.

5. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue.

(Suresh Kr. Gupta) IFS Pr.Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)/ Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K

No. WLP/Tech/2022-23/ 575-80

Dated. 30-11.2022

1. Copy for information and necessary action to the:-

Chief Conservator of Forest (FCA), Nodal Officer in the o/o the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests &HoFF. Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu. This is in reference to his No: RWLWJ/2022/4706-07 dated: 21-11-2022.

3. Chief Engineer, Power Development Department, System & Operation Wing, Jammu.

4. Divisional Forest Officer, Ramban Forest Division. This is in reference to his No. RFD/FCA/22-23/6920 dated 16.11.2022.

5. Divisional Forest Officer, Botote Forest Division.

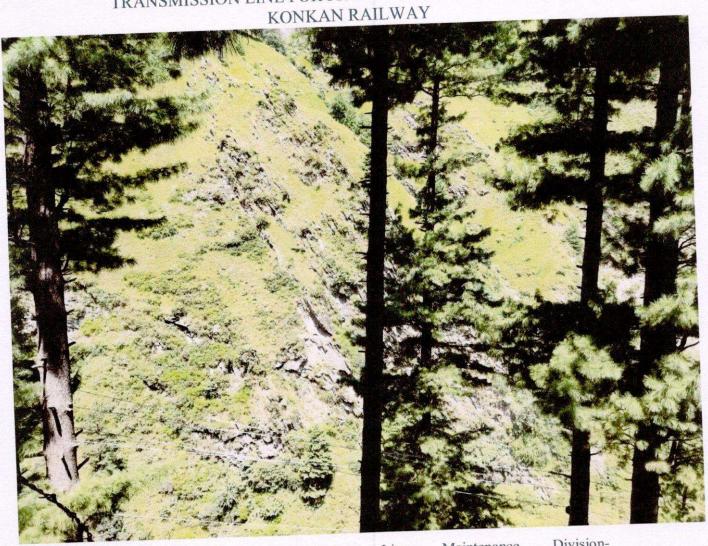
Wildlife Warden, Chenab Division, Kishtwar. This is in reference to his No. WLWKtr/2022-23/1965 dated 17.11.2022.

Executive Engineer, TLMD-II, Transmission line, Udhampur.

"WILDLIFE MITIGATION PLAN"

FOR

CONSTRUCTION OF 132 KV D/C RAMBAN SANGALDAN TRANSMISSION LINE FOR PROVIDING POWER SUPPLY TO



IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

Transmission Line Maintenance Division-III (TMLD) Udhampur JAMMU AND KASHMIR STATE POWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (JKSPDC)

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Transmission in the Div-III.
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Government of Jammu & Kashmu;

POWER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SYSTEM & OPERATION WING JAMMU

REVISED PROJECT REPORT FOR CONSRUCTION OF 132 KV D/C TRANSMISION LINE FROM RAMBAN TO SANGALDAN FOR PROVIDING POWER SUPPLY TO UPCOMING GRID SUB-STATION KRCL AT SANGALDAN

Application for obtaining Techno Economic Clearance

1. Name of project.

KV D/C Transmission line from Ramban to sangaldan for providing power supply proposed Grid station of KRCL at Sangaldan.

Techno. Economic Committee

2. Authority to accord Techno Economical

NA

a. PTCC Clearance b. Forest Clearance

NA

c. Clearance of Pollution Control Board and other clearance if, required.

4. Particulars of the project.

a) Scope of Project.

construction of 17.58 KM, 132 KV D/C Transmission line from Ramban to sangaldan for providing power supply proposed Grid station of KRCL at Sangaldan.

b) Estimated Cost

Rs. 2418.56 lacs.

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c) If the project is revised, given the following information.

i) Scope of project anticipated originally

construction of 132 KV D/C Transmission line from Ramban to sangaldan for providing power supply proposed Grid station of KRCL at Sangaldan at Sangaldan

ii) Estimated cost envisaged originally

Rs.1187.38 lacs

iii) PDD Who have ori8ginated the project

System & Operation wing lammu.

report. iv) Reference of letter regarding

Not Applicable yet

v) Status of work

Yet to start

vi) State if the revision in estimated costs has been done in respect of un-executed items of material equipment/work only.

d) If the scheme proposed in $\mathbf{11}^{\infty}$ Five Year plan

e) Year-wise phasing of Exp.

Subject to availability of funds

f) Necessity of the Project/Justification for

The revision of project is based on the Latest survey conducted for laying of tr. Line from Ramban to sangaldan line.

g) System study if done.

5. Salient features of the project

Enclosed

6. Technical particulars.

Enclosed

Documents/Drawing attached (give Isit documents drawing attached) such as

Geological report profile of the line / Tower and its foundation drawing single line diagram/layout plant cross section details of

Grid Station

Any other additional information/documents necessary for assessing project report.

Date of Start.

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Chief Engineer, System & Operation Wing Jammu.

Executive Engineer,
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INTRODUCTION AND NECCESITY FOR REVISION OF THE PROJECT :-

M/S Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. Started execution of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla-Rail Link Project on behalf of Northern Railway and had approached the Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department in the year 2006 for meeting out their power requirement which includes the providing of 132 KV D/C power supply for their upcoming railway traction sub-station at Sangaldan. A meeting was convened in the office chamber C.E. EM&RE Wing Jammu on 27-10-2006 which was attended by the Engineers from KRCL, Chief Engineer S&O Wing Jammu, Superintending Engineer S&O Cr-I Jammu, Executive Engineer TLMD-III Udhampur alongwith other concerned PDD authorities. In the meeting proposals were discussed to meet out the power requirements of KRCL. On the basis of minutes issued by the Chief Engineer Electrical (Projects) vide his number KR/CO/EL/10/10/5 DATED 1-11-2006, it was requested by KRCL to provide power as per their requirement from Udhampur end and proposal contained therein the augmentation of 120 MVA, 220/132 KV Transformer Bank to 150 MVA, Construction of 2 no 132 KV Feeding bays at G/S udhampur for evacuation of power upto Barala , Construction of 132 KV D/C Udhampur –Barala Tr. Line, Construction of 2x20 MVA Grid Station at Barala .

Later on this proposal got reviewed by the KRCL and had requested to provide them power for their proposed Grid station at Sangaldan from Proposed Grid station at Ramban to be constructed by the JKPDD under PMRP by way of constructing two no. 132 KV feeding bays at upcoming Grid station Ramban and evacuation of power through 132 KV D/C Ramban-sangaldan tr. Line upto their proposed Grid substation at Sangaldan.

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Accordingly a DPR was framed by this office based on the approved cost data of 2006-07 amounting to Rs. 1496.62 lacs envisaging below mentioned works :-

- 1. Construction of 02 no 132 KV Feeding bays at Upcoming 220/132/33 KV Grid Station Ramban
- 2. Construction of 18.8 KM 132 KV D/C Ramban- sangaldan tr. Line upto their proposed Grid substation at Sangaldan

The projected cost did not cover the cost of forest/ land /trees compensation and it was to provided by the railway/KRCL authorities at the time of assessment by the Revenue /forest authorities.

Due to non committal approach and non -allocation of funds by KRCL for the number of years together, the upcoming transformation capacity of 120 MVA at 220/132 KV Level was relooked and system study was re- conducted to make the optimum use of this capacity for the betterment and stability of power supply system at EHV Level in Erstwhile Doda District. This transformation capacity got booked in full as detailed below :-

Distric	L. Allis Clairs.		REMARKS
s.NO	NAME OF GRID	CAPACITY AT 132/33 KV VOLTAGE LEVEL	Aiready proposed to be fed on this station
1	GRID STATION RAMBAN		Before undertaking fresh system study, G/S Khellani being fed on 132 KV S/C UDH- DHP Transmission line of NHPC.In the re-conducted system study Khellani G/S DHP Transmission line of NHPC.In the re-conducted system study Khellani G/S
2	GRID STATION	40MVA	DHP Transmission line of NHPC.In the re-conducted year. Proposed to be fed through under construction 132 ku D/C Ramban-Kishtwar Tr. Line by way of making LLIO of one circuit at Grid station Khellani. This arrangement will relieve the department from its dependability on NHPC for providing power supply to entire Doda District through only Grid station Khellani. In
		1	

			past many awkward positions were faced by the deptt. When this tr, Line got out of service due to damages or any other reasons. Already proposed to be fed on this station through under construction 132 kv D/C.
3	GRID STATION	40MVA	Ramban-Kishtwar Tr. Line And the state of t
4		20MVA	Aiready proposed to be red on time stated, or one of the Thather idealess at time to be tapped from 132 ky D/C Ramban-Kishtwar Tr. Line at tapping station Barshalla
	TOTAL	120 MVA	Khellani from 40 MVA to 70 MVA stands TEC Cleared and construction

Besides this scheme for the augmentation of G/S Khellani from 40 MVA to 70 MVA stands TEC Cleared and construction of 10 MVA additional transformer bank at Grid station. Kishtwar under progress, thus there is no scope to fed the proposed G/S Sangaldan of Railways from G/S Ramban.

Due to space constraints at G/S Ramban for the augmentation of said Grid station, the scope of works necessitated revision and also on the basis of directions of worthy Development commissioner (P), the division has explored the possibility of providing stable power supply and the most technically viable proposal which also vetted by the Chief Engineer S&O Wing Jammu and forwarded to the Worthy Development Commissioner Power vide no CE/S&O/J/T-/10062-67 dated 13-10-2012 is as under.

Upcoming KRCL Grid station at Sangaldan is proposed to be fed on 220/132/33 KV G/S Udhampur after augmentation from 240 MVA to 320 MVA through CSTL which has Loop in -Loop out arrangement at Ramban Grid station with creation of already projected 02 no 132 KV Feeding Bays through this 132 KV D/C Transmission line from Ramban Grid to Proposed Grid of sangaldan.(envisaged in the original DPR as well) .

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The project has been revised due to the fact of lapsing out of considerable period from the time of last submission of original DPR and booking of the corridor adopted in the initial survey.

Need for the fresh survey has been felt by the division and KRCL, and accordingly an amount of Rs. 10.00 lacs as deposited by the KRCL for conducting of fresh survey. The survey and geotechnical study got done by this office from M/S Shardia Engineering Associates, a Himachal Pardesh based firm though open bidding.

Based on the survey report, geotechnical study, and transmission line design already in vogue vetted by the Central Electricity authority and trends of Protection of tower footing, this revised DPR has been framed amounting to Rs. 2163.78 Lacs on the basis of Cost data for the year 2012-13 to cover the cost of construction of 132 KV D/C Tr. Line from Ramban to Sangaldan inclusive of the cost for forest /land/crop compensation. The said DPR was forwarded by the Chief Engineer S&O Wing Jammu to Chief Engineer Planning & Design Wing Jammu vide letter No. CE/S&O/J/T-5074-78 dated 09-09-2015 for checking and placing it before the Techno-economic Committee for its TEC. But the Chief Engineer Planning & Design Wing Jammu raised observations on the DPR stating reasons for non-approval of Cost Data for the year 2012-13 from competent authority & directed to revised the DPR on the basis of Cost Data for the year 2006-07. Moreover, as deliberated in the TEC meeting held on 03-10-2015, and as intimated by the EPD Wing Jammu vide No. EP&D/Div-II/J/364-66 dated 25-01-2016, the DPR needs to be revised on the Cost data of 2006-07 for Electrical works and Civil SSR for Civil works like foundations and protections.

Meanwhile, the profiles were submitted to CEA for checking and vetting and during checking the CEA has recommended the strengthening of some more no. of towers from provision of 9 Nos. in the DPR to 25 nos. (Copy of the CEA letter enclosed).

Complying to the instructions and as checked in the EP&D Wing Jammu, NIT for the construction of 132KVD/C Ramban-Sangaldan Transmission Line on Turnkey Basis was floated by this Division with reserved price of Rs. 1100.00 Lacs, but the Nit has not received any response from the bidders till date.

It has been observed by the Superintending Engineer S&O Circle-I Jammu and the worthy Chief Engineer S&O Wing Jammu and concluded that the reserved price which has been based on the cost data of 2006-07 with 20% Price escalation, may be less and the reason for not bidding the tender from the bidders.

As directed, the costing of the DPR has been revised on the Cost data for the year 2012-13 alongwith incorporating the strengthen of Towers as desired by the CEA and increase of protection volume.

The revised cost of the project is worked out to the tune of Rs.2418.56 lacs.

Assistant Executive Engineer Sub Division Batote

Superintending Engineer System & Operation Circle-I Jammu

Executive Engineer GLMD-If Udhampur

Chief Engineer System & Operation Wing Jammu

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INCORPORATING THE OBSERVATIONS OF CEAREGARDING STRENGTHENING OF TOWERS (SPECIAL

	TOWERS)	ANNEXURE	D	
S.NO	PARTICULARS	TOTTLACKE		
PARTA			AND QUANTITIES	AMOUNT
PARTA	SUPPLY OF MATERIALS & ACCESSORIES.		Non-Miles	
1	ENGINEERING DESIGN. SUPPLY OF TOWER ACCESSORIES, LINE MATERIALS & ACCESSORIES.	RIES.	SCHEDULE-A	62338469
PART 8	ERECTION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF TRANSMISSION LINE FOUNDATIONS AND PROTECTION WORKS	INCLUDING CASTING OF		
4	SURVEY AND CHECK SURVEY, crop , trees compens			
5	CASTING OF TOWER FOUNDATIONS	ation	SCHEDULE-B	7290000
6	ERECTION OF TOWERS		SCHEDULE-C	31904418
7	STRINGING OF TR. LINE		SCHEDULE D	11362343
8	PROTECTION WORKS OF TOWER FOOTINGS		SCHEDULE-E	8951420
	TOTAL		SCHEDULE-F.	33702000
9	Add T&P @1%			155548650
	TOTAL			1555486.50
10	Add contengencies @3%			157104136.50
	TOTAL			4713124.10
11	Add 9.5% Supervision Charges on Rs. 161817260.	60		161817260.60
	TOTAL	The second secon		15372639.76
12	Add consultancy charges @3% on Rs. 155548650.00 for the finalization of GTP	Graden in the second		177189900.35
	Central Electricity Authority	s drawings, profiles from		4666459.50
13	TOTAL			
	Forest Compensation a& Land Compensation			181856359.85
-	GRAND TOTAL			60000000.00
	Say Rs. 2418.56 Lacs			241856359.85

Superintending Engineer System & Operation Cr-I

Executive Engineer STEMO-III Udhampur

Chief Engineer System & Operation Wing Jammu

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	SCHEDULE OF PROVISINAL	QUANTIT	ES & PRI	CES			SCHEDULE-	H
s.na	Description	Unit	Qty	Per Units in MT/Nos./Kms	Total	Total Unit Rate	Total Price	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	ENGINEERING DESIGN. SUPPLY TOWER ACCESSORIES Le.							
1.1	Danger plate	Nos	49		49	250	12250	-
1.2	Number plate	Nos	49		49	250	12250	
1.3	Phase plate	Nos	294		294	250	73500	
1.4	Circuit plate	Nos	98		98	250	24500	
1.5	Anti-climbing device	Nos	49		49	3420	167580	
1.6	Bird Guards	Nos	49		49	430	21070	
1.7	Earthing material		49		49	3420	167580	
1.8	vii) Nuts & Bolts with washers	Tons	10		10	62403	624030	
2	TOWER MATERIAL							
2.1	Tangent tower (0 deg - 2 deg)							
2.2	Normal tower with stubs	Nos	2	3.29	6.58			
23	3Mtr. Extension tower with	Nos	0					
2.4	5 Mtr. Extension tower with stubs	Nos	0				100	
2.5	9 Mtr. Extension tower with stubs	Nos	- 0					
2.6	SMALL ANGLE TOWERS (0 deg 15 deg.)							

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SECTION-II: DETAILS OF FOREST AREA

MAJOR HABITAT, FLORA AND FAUNA:-Gool and Gandri range

Gool Range is part of the Ramban Forest Division and Gandri Range is part of Batote Forest Division. The main mammal species found in the area are *Canis aureus* (The Jackal) *Felis chaus* (The Jungle Cat), *Herpestevs aurpuctatus* (Mongoose-The small Indial Mangoose), *Panthera pardus* (Leopard or Panther). The faunal species found in the area are *Vulpes bengalensis* (The Indian Fox) *Vulpus vulpus* (The Red Fox): *Funambulus pennanti* (The Five Striped Palm Squirrel) *Hystrix indica* (The Indian Porcupine) *Gennacus ramiltoni* (The White crested Kalej pheasant): *Gallus gallus* (Jungle Fowl): *Francolinus froncolinus* (Black Partridge): *Froncolinus pendicerianus* (The Grey Partridge): *Streptopetia decaocto* (Ring Dove): *Preudogyps bengalensis* (White Backed Bengal Vulture): *Gyps himalayensis* (The Himalayan Griffon): *Gyps fulvus* (Fulvous or Indian Griffon Vulture): *Corvus splendens* (House crow): *Corvus macrorhynchos* (Jungle crow): *Eudynamys scolopacea* (Koel): *Acridotheres tristis* (Indian myna) etc

Flora:

The main species found are Accacia catechu, Dalbergia sissoo, Olea cuspidata, Accacia modesta, Cassia fistula, Terminalia belerica, Anogeissus latifolia, Mallotus phillipinensis, Lannea cormandalica with occasional Phoenix humillis, Toona ciliata, Bombax ceiba, Syzygiym cumini etc. Quercus lecucotrichophora, Quercus incana, Aesculus indica, Pyrus pashia, Quercus semicarpifolia. Undergrowth mainly consists of Adhatoda vasica and Dodonaea viscosa which gets replaced on favourable sites by Woodfordia fruiticicosa, Carissa opaca and Cotinus coggygria etc.. Also Chir is the predominant species of this zone, occupying low lying sub-tropical belt along the Chenab around Anji and other Chenab tributaries. The common associates are Quercus lecotrichophora, Pyrus pashia, Vasica, Rubus ellipticus, Prunca granatum, Indigofara pulchella. Undergrowth mainly consists of the Carissa opaca, Dodonaca viscosa, Rubus ellipticus. The ground flora comprises of Viola serpens and variety of grasses and ferns.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSMISSION PROJECT:-

The major construction activity envisages in the proposed transmission project are as follows:-

- Construction of Tower Foundation (An average of 7 M x 7 M tower base and activities involves excavation of soil and concreting)
- Erection of transmission towers (involves joining of tower members/lattice structure)
- Stringing of electrical conductor wires between adjacent towers.

The above activities will be carried out by engaging suitable Contractor. For tower foundation works, local gangs/manpower are usually engaged as petty Contractor and temporary makeshift camps are set nearby the construction site till completion of work. For hill areas construction of new approach road generally not encouraged & the existing village tract or jungle tract are used forhead loading of tower materials. Tower erection and stringing of conductor is generally carried outby specialized gangs and temporary construction camps are also required to be set up for this purpose.

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Divisional Forest Officer Ramban Forest Division

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JUSTIFICATION & BENEFIT OF THE PROJECT:-

The project will provide the power supply to the prestigious **Udhampur-Baramulla Rail Link Project (USBRL) Project** for its operation. In Batote Forest Division land measuring 7.2765 ha. for tower no.: 26, 27, 32, 33, 34, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42 got already diverted vide FST no. 400/FST/of 2018 Dated:- 27.12.2018. under the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir Forest (Conservation) Act 1997. Now land measuring 1.34 ha. for tower foundation and line corridor for tower no. 32-A, 40-B, 40-C, needs to be diverted. In forest division Ramban, land measuring = 6.272 ha. for tower no.: 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48,49, 50, 51 got already diverted vide FST no. 290/FST/of 2019 Dated:- 24.09.2019. land measuring 3.03 ha. for tower foundation and line corridor for tower no. 44-A, 44-B, 44-C, 47-D needs to be diverted. The diversion of the forest land is unavoidable as it will supplement and augment the already existing towers. Initially 49 No. of the towers were to be installed but during the final and check survey it was necessitated that to insert the additional towers to achieve the mandatory ground clearance as per the J&K Electricity and Indian Electricity Act. Since the existing towers are already existing on the forest land, the newly erected towers are automatically to be installed on the forest land and hence the forest land is unavoidable.

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Wildlife Warden Chenab Kishtwar

REQUIREMENT OF WILDLIFE CLEARANCE: -

In order to minimize impact on forest and wildlife, detailed survey of the route of the construction of 132 KV D/C Ramban Sangaldan Transmission line for providing power supply to Konkan Railway. The proposed route is the shortest and the most feasible route from all aspects which has been selected among all the alternatives routes explored during detail survey. The alignment will pass through 44/Ar and 43/Ar of Gool Range and 54/G, 55/G, 56/G and 57/Ar. There is no Wildlife Area involved in the project. The Regional Office Chandigarh raised a EDS vide File No. 09-JKB-052/2022-Jammu Dated:-Oct 2022 and asked for the submission of the Wildlife Mitigation plan. The technical details of the proposed route & status of forest/wildlife clearances are states as below:

Name of project for which WL clearance is required	Construction of 132 KC/DC Ramban Sangaldan transmission line for providing power supply to Konkan railway
Total Line Length	499 m in Gandari Range and 1122 m in Gool Range
Details of wildlife area involved	No Wildlife area involved
Total no of towers to be erected in WL area	04 in Ramban Division and 04 in Batote Forest Division
Total wildlife area involved	Nil
Present Status of Forest proposal	Submitted online on 27-07-2021. Presently under process at DFO Level.
Likely impact of the project on protected area (PA)	The overall impact of the project on forest area and wildlife is assessed as minimum which can be addressed through proper mitigation measures as recommended.

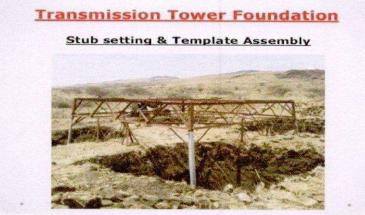
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TOWER FOUNDATION:

Foundation of a transmission tower is the basic structure to support the tower in its position. It plays an important role in safety and satisfactory performance of the structure as it transmits mechanical loads of the electrical transmission system to earth. The foundations in various types of soils have to be designed to suit the soil conditions of particular type. In addition to foundations of normal towers, there are situations where considering techno-economical aspect for special towers required or river crossing which may be located either on the bank of the river or in the mind stream or both, pile foundation may be provided. The various activities involved in the foundation work are illustrated below:-







TOWER ERECTION:

There are four main methods of erection of steel transmission towers which are as below:

- Build-up method or Piecemeal method
- Section method
- Ground assembly method.
- . Helicopter method.

Build Up Method of Tower Erection

This method is most commonly used in India for the erection of 66kV, 220 kV and 400 kV

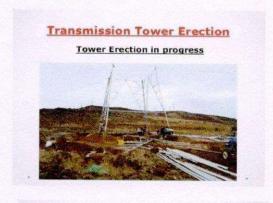
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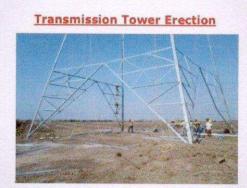
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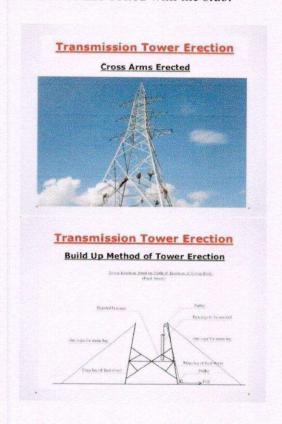
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transmission line towers. This method consists of erecting the towers, member by member. The tower members are kept ground serially according to erection sequence to avoid search or time loss. The erection progresses from the bottom upwards. The four main corner leg members of the first section of the tower are first erected and bolted with the stub.







TOWER STRINGING:

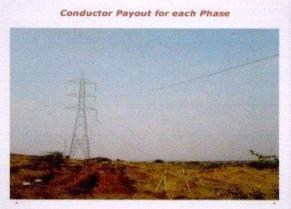
- Stringing of Transmission line a process of joining and fixing of the electrical conductor wires from tower to tower and various other assemblies for transmission of electricity.
- Stringing overhead conductors in transmission is a very specialized type of construction requiring years of experience as well as equipment and tools that have been designed, tried and proven to do the work.

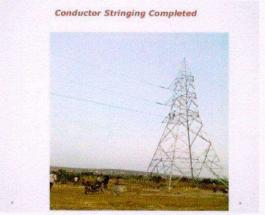
Steps of stringing

- Proper guying
- o Insulator Hoisting
- o Paying out of pilot wire & conductor
- Rough sagging of conductor
- o Clipping & spacering
- Finishing activities
- Jumpering
- Final checking









3. LIKELY IMPACT OF THE PROJECT ON WILDLIFE OF THE AREA:-

The impact on the forest and wildlife associated with power transmission project with specific reference to the proposal is summarized as below:

HABITAT LOSS AND FRAGMENTATION:-

Powerlines or specially powerline corridors, are known to affect many different animal groups, predominantly birds. These impacts are largely associated with fragmentation & degradation of wildlife habitats along the powerline corridor i.e. Right of Way. In case of 132 KV, the RoW is considered as 27 meter wherein the standing trees are required to be either felled, looped/pruned as necessary for casting of tower foundation, tower erection & electrical conductor stringing. The large scale felling of trees along the line corridor might impact the nesting sites of birds as well as habitat and movement of other arboreal species like monkeys, primates etc. available in that areas.

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ELECTROCUTION & ACCIDENTAL COLLISSION OF BIRDS.

As per available/listed data risk of electrocution of birds are mostly related to distribution/transmission lines up to 110 kV due to dimensions and spacing between two conductors, electrocution of Bird/Raptor by EHV lines of 132 kV & above is quite rare. Moreover, collusion of birds are mostly reported during landing and take off in area close to water bodies, designated bird areas/ sanctuary having large congregation of birds or line intersecting identified bird fly or migratory paths hence bird diverter even if placed on EHV line can only be effective if it is installed in the fly path of birds. POWEGRID following its cardinal principle of avoidance take utmost care to avoid such areas while selecting the optimum line route of new transmission line.

INDUCED IMPACT ON WILDLIFE FROM CONSTRUCTION WORKERS.

Construction manpower will be required for execution of the project and makeshiftconstruction camps and will be set up at the tower foundation/erection sites as per siterequirement. Generally for tower foundation works, local manpower/workers will beengaged. However, for specialized works like tower erection and stringing, migrant labourers are usually engaged. The induced impact on the wildlife of the area from such construction workers is the likelihood of involvement inhunting/trafficking of wild animals and other unlawful activity during the execution of theproject.

SECTION-4: PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

SAFEGUARD OF WILDLIFE PASSAGE AT SOME PLACES

As per Indian Electricity rule, the minimum ground clearance for 132 KV Transmission line is **6.1** meter i.e. the lower most electrical conductor wire between two adjacent towers will be stringed in such a way that the minimum height from actual ground level is always morethan 6.1 meter which is sufficient for safe passage of animals and others mammals.

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SAFEGUARD OF BIRDS FROM AND ACCIDENTAL COLLISION:-

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Since Gool and Gandri Ranges have a significant population of birds therefore, the following mitigation measures are proposed for safeguard of birds: -

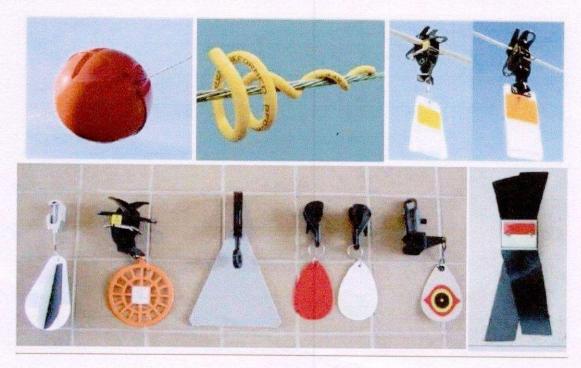
A. The Stringing of conductor for the transmission line shall be carried out maintaining a separation between energized conductors as follows:

Vertical distance between two conductors: 4 m (appx.)

The above arrangement, will nullify the likelihood of electrocution of large winged birds like hornbill, because the distance between energized conductors will be always more than the maximum wing span of the bird. A figure showing the above arrangement is shown in Annexure-II

b. To prevent accidental collision of birds with the conductor bird diverter/colored/contrast marker devices will be installed on the earth wire to make it visible to birds from long distance as shown in the photographs as below from AP 37 to AP 72 (In between Lallen to Phulbial) where the birds are flying and taking water from water bodies/small ponds which are are available in the above vicinity.

Bird Guard will be provided on towers as per requirement to prevent birds from sitting in the insulator strings which may result in puncture of insulator due to defecation by birds.



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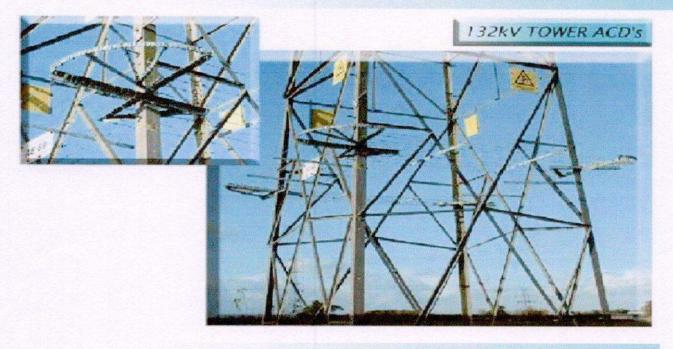
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c. SAFEGUARD OF ACCIDENTAL FALLINGS OF ANIMALS IN EXCAVATED PITS FOR TOWER FOUNDATION:-

The excavated pits shall be properly barricaded and fenced so as to prevent accidental falling of mammals in the vicinity of the construction sites

d. 132 KV TOWER ANTI-CLIMBING DEVICES:-

Many different designs of tower exist for 132 kV lines with standardization becoming more focused in recent years. Anti-Climbing Devices (ACD's) are being used at tower four corners gates with two opening and two non-opening fenced by using barbed wire and accessories TI-CLIMBING DEVICES





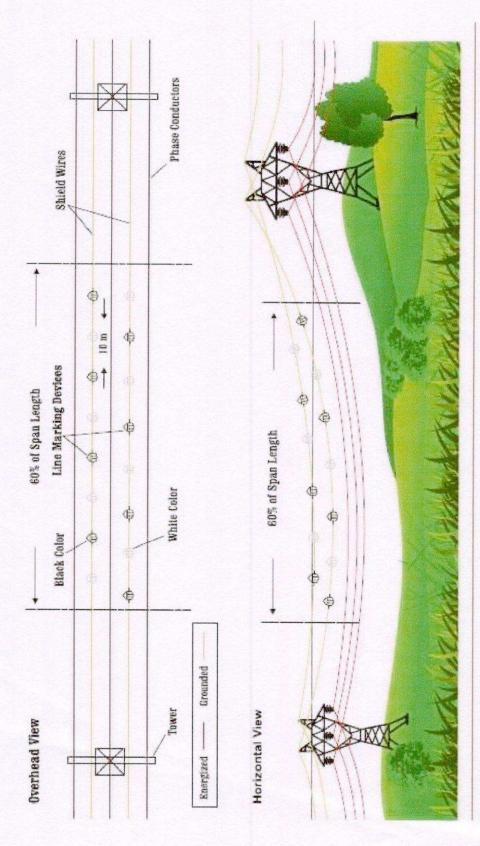
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4. GENERAL MITIGATION MEASURES FOR PROTECTION OF FOREST AND WILDLIFE: -

In addition to the above specific measures for animals and birds, the following mitigation measures will be adopted by TLMD 3 during execution of the project for protection of wildlife. Before start of work in the area awareness campaign will be taken up by TLMD 3 in association with Forest Dept. to create maximum awareness among the construction workers regarding safeguard of forest and wildlife.

No work shall be allowed at nights (i.e. between sunset & sunrise) in the forest area.

No permanent labour camps will be set up inside the forest area.

Tree felling will be minimized along the line corridor and only those trees which are unavoidable for tower foundation & erection will be felled under the supervision of Forest department. The guideline of MoEF dtd. 5th May, 2014 with regard to "construction of transmission line in forest area" will be strictly adhered to during execution of project.

The trees on the remaining part of the transmission line corridor will be mostly loped and pruned which are required for stringing of conductor. In case of towers falling in hill top locations where enough ground clearance is available, tree will not be felled. This will minimize the impact on nesting sites of birds as well as habitat of arboreal species.

The specific and important tree species as identified by the Forest department will be marked separately and protected during the construction of the transmission line.

To minimize the disturbance to wildlife, no new approach road will be constructed in the forest area. The existing village tracts/paths will be utilized for carrying of tower materials and also manual excavation of tower foundation will be done.

Ecofriendly engineering practices in the construction works and due care be taken properly so as to avoid injury to wildlife.

All pollution related aspects and waste management will be duly taken care during the implementation of the project.

In addition to above, any other measures as envisaged by the State Board of Wildlife/national Board of Wildlife and as as per provisions of wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 will be strictly adhered to during execution of the project by TLMD 3.

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SECTION -5: CONCLUSION

The proposed construction of 132 KV D/C Ramban Sangaldan Transmission line for providing power supply to Konkan Railway project is a very important sub-project which is conceived by Govt. of India located in Ramban district of the State. This project is a major step towards meeting power supply to the prestigious USBRL Project.

The construction of the above transmission line requires forest clearance as the project falls in forest land. The EIA and environmental clearance is not required for this project since power transmission lines are kept outside the purview of EIA 2006 as per MoEF notification and considered as green project due to its pollution free nature.

Considering the importance of conservation of biodiversity and the wildlife habitat, flora and fauna of Gool and Gandri Ranges, it is found that there will be some temporary and permanent impact from the aforesaid transmission project on the wildlife of the area. However, the User Agency TLMDI-III has made a holistic approach towards protection of the wildlife through the principle of avoidance, minimization and mitigation in their project activity and committed for implementation of various mitigation measures for wildlife including general measures for overall protection of the forest and wildlife.

Therefore, it is summarized that the overall impact on biodiversity due to the proposed transmission project is assessed as low which can be minimized through proper mitigation measures as per guidelines.

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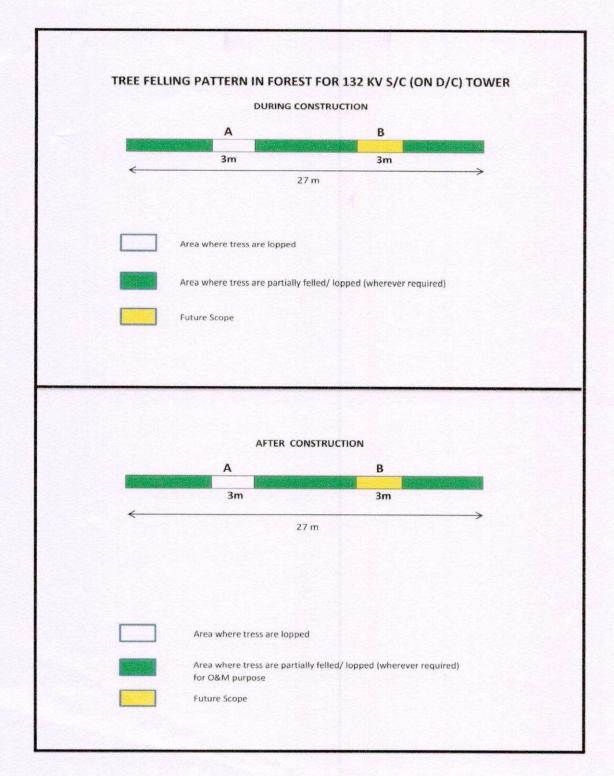


FIGURE-3: TREE FELLING ARRANGEMENT IN THE PROJECT AS PER GUIDELINE OF MOEF

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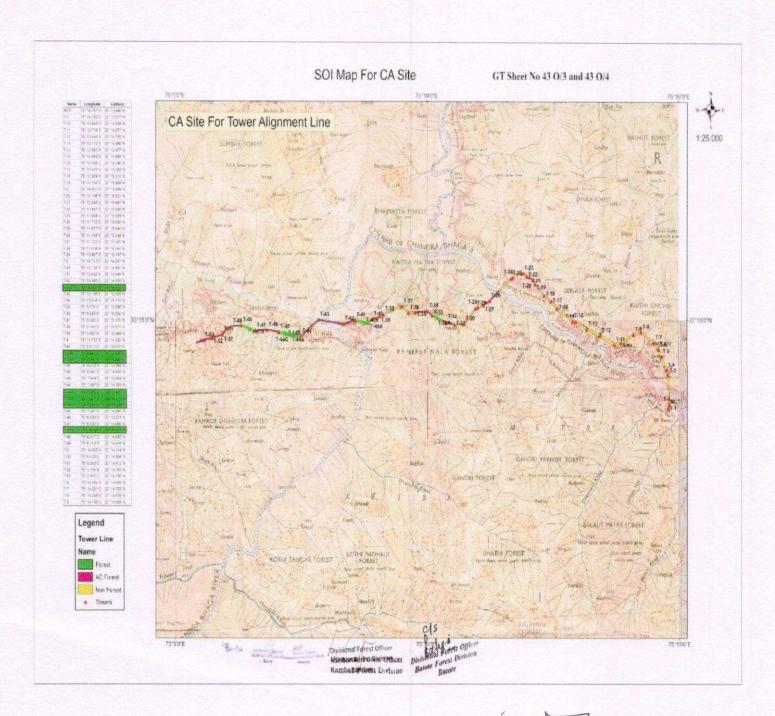
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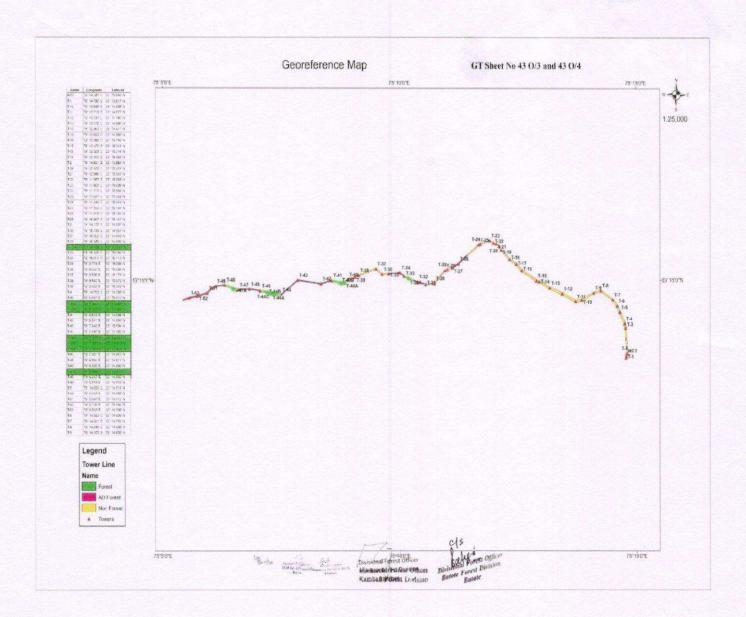
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ACTION TAKEN REPORT

The damage case No. 05 of 2022-23 has been booked against the User Agency and Executing Agency JK Engineer for violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and Indian Forest Act, 1927 by Range Officer Gool and investigation is under progress. However, the sanction for prosecution is required against the officials of the TLMD-III under section 197 of Cr. P.C. 1973. The matter has been taken up with Conservator of Forests Chenab Circle vide this office No. RFD/FCA/22-23/7654-55 Dated:-13-12-2022 to take matter with Administrative Department. Vide this office No. RFD/Damage/21-22/6024-28 Dated:-17-12-2021, Damage bill to the tune of Rs 11.60130 lacs was issued in favour of User Agency for violation of the conditions No. 10 of Government Order No. 290-FST OF 2019 Dated:-24-09-2019 under which 6.2721 ha of forest land has already been diverted under the erstwhile Forest Conservation Act, 1997. As far as the disciplinary action against concerned field officials is concerned, Range Officer Gool has submitted that no such negligence as part of Forest Officials is noticed, as the Forest Officials have taken proper cognizance of the violation committed by the User Agency and stopped the illegal land breaking of Forest Land. The concerned field staff also reported the matter to Range Officer Gool well in time as required under rules and ensured complete suspension/stoppage of any non-forestry activity on the Forest Land. Block Officer concerned also worked out the loss to forest property and submitted the assessment of damage so that the compensation of forest damage can be ensured by recovering penalty from the User Agency within the preview of Govt. Order issued under the provision of Jammu & Kashmir Forest Conservation Act, 1997.

Dr. Rajan Singh (SFS)

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The Conservator of Forests. Chenab Circle, Doda

No. RFD/FCA/22-23/7654-55

Dated: - 12/12/2022

Subject:-Divewrsion 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 and Kashmir-regarding sanction for prosecution of the official of TLMD-III authorities for violation of IFA,1927 and FCA, 1980.

Reference:- IRO MoEF& CC vide file No. File No:9-JKB-052/2022-Jammu October, 2022.

Sir.

On the subject cited above, the following lines are submitted for your kind consideration: -

- 1. A proposal titled Construction of 132 KV D/C Ramban-Sangaldan-Transmission line for providing power supply to Konkan Railway-FP/JK/RAIL/45324/2020 was applied by the Transmission Line Maintenance Division-III Udhampur for diversion of 4.3713 ha area in Ramban and Batote Forest Divisions.
- 2. Whereas undersigned along with the Range Officer Gool, JE TLMD and forest officials visited the locations where the forest land is to be diverted for construction of the towers in Ramban Forest Division on dated:-24-01-2021 and noticed some violations done by the User Agency before approval of the project and accordingly Range Officer Gool was asked to submit the details of the damage along with assessment and action taken report against the delinquent officials vide this office No. RFD/FCA/2020-21/35-35 Dated:-03-04-2021 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-A).
- 3. Range Officer Gool vide No. 312/GR dated:-17-12-2021 and No. 532/GR Dated:-04-03-2021 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-B &C) submitted the details of damage done by User Agency along with assessment of the damage done by the User Agency and action taken against the User Agency. He submitted damage over an area of 0.159 ha forest land (Land breaking) along with damage to 150 saplings with penal NPV 11.60130 lacs in violation of the Government Order No. 290-FST OF 2019 Dated: -24-09-2019 conditions No. 10 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-D) under which 6.2721 ha of forest land has already been diverted under the erstwhile Forest Conservation Act, 1997.
- 4. Whereas vide No. RFD/Damage/21-22/6024-28 Dated:-17-12-2021, damage bill to the tune of Rs 11.60130 lacs was issued in favour of User Agency for violation of the conditions No. 10 of Government Order No. 290-FST OF 2019 Dated: -24-09-2019 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-E).
- 5. Vide this office No. RFD/FCA/1342-44 Dated: -23-06-2022, the user Agency was asked to withdraw the proposal because of wrong category selection "Rail" instead of "Transmission Line". The User Agency again applied under fresh category with proposal No. FP/JK/TRANS/145320/2021 Dated: 27-07-2021.
- The case was submitted to Conservator of Forests Chenab Circle Doda through PARIVESH Portal. In addition to the normal NPV 43.10310 Lacs, additional NPV to the tune of Rs 11.60136 as penal NPV was raised for which undertaking has already been submitted by the User Agency (Copy enclosed as Annexure-F).

7. EDS was raised by the IRO MoEF& CC vide file No. File No:9-JKB-052/2022-Jammu October, 2022. Point (iv) of the EDS is reproduced as under:-

"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 the 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."

8. The Range Officer Gool vide this office No. RFD/6357 Dated:-27-10-2022 and RFD/FCA/6488 Dated:-04/05/2022 was asked to take immediate actions and submit the action taken report.

9. The Range Officer Gool vide his No.767/GR dated:-10/12/2022 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-3) submitted report that the damage case No. 05 of 2022-23 has been booked against the User Agency and Executing Agency JK Engineer for violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and Indian Forest Act, 1927 and investigation is under progress. However he has submitted that the sanction for prosecution is required against the officials of the TLMD-III under section 197 of CrPC, 1973 the details of which is as under:-

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shiv Kumar Anand	Executive Engineer TLMD-III
2.	Sanjeev Kumar Pathiania	Assistant Executive Engineer TLMD-III
3.	Kawaljeet Singh	Junior Engineer TLMD-III

As far as the disciplinary action against concerned field officials is concerned, Range Officer Gool has submitted that no such negligence as part of Forest Officials is noticed, as the Forest Officials have taken proper cognigence of the violation committed by the User Agency and stopped the illegal land breaking of Forest Land. The concerned field staff also reported the matter to Range Officer Gool well in time as required under rules and ensured complete suspension/stoppage of any non-forestry activity on the Forest Land. Block Officer concerned also worked out the loss to forest property and submitted the assessment of damage so that the compensation of forest damage can be ensured by recovering penalty from the User Agency within the preview of Govt. Order issued under the provision of Jammu & Kashmir Forest Conservation Act, 1997.

In this regard, it is submitted that the matter may kindly be taken up with higher authorities for sanction of prosecution against the officials of TLMD-III mentioned above in light of the section 197 of the code of the Criminal Procedure, 1973.

Yours faithfully

Divisional Forest Officer Ramban Forest Division

Copy submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests Jammu for information and kind perusal.



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Range Officer, Gool

No. RFD/FCA/20-21/ 35-36 Dated: 03/93/2021

Subject:-Construction of 132 KV D/C Ramban-Sangaldan-Transmission line for providing power supply to Konkan Railway- FP/JK/RAIL/45324/2020-regarding conduction of inquiry.

Whereas undersigned along with the Range Officer Gool, JE TLMD and forest officials visited the locations where the forest land is to be diverted for construction of the towers in Ramban Forest Division on dated:24-01-2020 and noticed some violations done by the User Agency before approval of the project and accordingly you were asked to submit the details of the damage along with your assessment.

Whereas vide your office No. 532/GR Dated:04-03-2021, the details have been submitted the details of damage done by User Agency along with assessment. It has been reported damage of 0.159 ha area along with 150 saplings with NPV 11.60 lacs.

Whereas as per this office record, no reports have been received from any ground staff through your office regarding the damage done by the User Agency before approval of the project and action taken against the User Agency.

In this regard, you are directed to conducted a thorough inquiry and put up the details of the delinquent officials along who have failed to report damage and allowed the User Agency to start work without approval and also initiate the necessary legal actions against the User Agency. The report shall be submitted within 15 days.

(Dr. Rajan Singh)

Divisional Forest Officer Ramban Forest Division Ramban

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests, Chenab Circle Doda for kind information.

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The Divisional Forest Officer, Ramban Forest Division, Ramban.

Sub:- Damage of forest property by means of illegal land breaking by JK Engineers during erection of transmission towers of 132 KV Ramban Sangaldan transmission line.

Ref:- This office letter No:- 532/GR Dated:- 04-03-2021. Your office letter No:- RFD/FCA/20-21/35-36 Dated:-03-04-2021. Sir,

In context of subject cited above, it is submitted as under:-

Whereas, as reported by Block officer Sangaldan, forest land falling under Co. No 43/Ar and 44/Ar stands diverted to power development for construction of 132KV Ramban Sangaldan Transmission Line.

Whereas, during course of erection of transmission line towers, illegal land breaking by user agency has been noticed on non diverted forest land thereby violating the terms and conditions of government orders governing diversion of forest land.

The details details of damage have been worked out as under:-

S.No.		Nature of Damage				
	Comptt.	Land breaking by heavy machinery	Area affected (In Ha)	Eco-Class	NPV/Rate	Amount
01	43/Ar	-	0.013	V	657000	8541.00
02	44/Ar		0.146	V	657000	95922.00
03		Damage to Plant Saplings	150 No's		77	11550.00
	Total Cost of	of damage				116130.00
Total p	enalty liable to	be imposed @ 1	0 times		***	1160130.00

Whereas, the user agency was directed for joint verification of damage caused to forest property so that the penalty liable to be imposed under rules can be worked out from defaulting user agency/Contractors viz JK Engineers.

Whereas the user agency has deliberately avoided undertaking joint verification of the forest land.

The officials of the user agency have failed to adopt due diligence as required under rules to avoid violation of forest laws.

In view of the above, it is submitted that penalty to the tune of rupees 1160130.00 may please be imposed against user agency for damaging forest property as the user agency has failed to convey its reservation regarding the penalty worked out by this office.

The information desired by your good office Vide No:- RFD/FCA/2021/1345

Dated 23-03-2021 is tabulated as under:-

1	Detail of Violations	Land breaking by heavy machinery and damage to plant saplings 150 No's
2	Area of forest land involved in violation	0.159 Ha
3	Name of persons involved in violation	1.KamalJeet Singh 2.Sanjeet Pathania,
4	Designation and address of persons responsible for violation	1.JE,TLMD III Udhampur 2. AEE,TLMD III Udhampur
5	Action taken against the persons responsible for violation	Fine penalty raised by Range Officer Gool Vide No:-532/GR Dated:- 04-03-2021

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NOI-532/URS DE: 04-03-2021

The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Ramban,

> Sub. Damage of forest property by means of illegal land breaking by JK Engineers during recetion of transmission line towers of 132 KV Ramban Sangaldan transmission line.

Sir

On the subject cited above it is submitted that as reported by Block Officer Sangaldari forest land talling under compit. No 43/Ar. And 44/Ar. stands diverted to Jammu Power Development Corporation Ltd. for construction of 132 Kv Ramban Sangaldari transmission line. During couling of creetion of transmission line towers illegal land breaking by user agency has been noticed on non-diverted ferest land thereby violating the terms and conditions of Govt. order governing diversion of

tower land. The detail of damage has been workedout, as under:

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Hence submitted with the request that user agency may please be directed for some verification of damage caused to forest properly so that the penalty liable to be importable uses can be realized from defaulting user agency/contractor viz. JK Engineers.

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir Forest, Environment & Ecology Department. Civil Secretariat.

Subject:

Diversion of 6.2721 Ha. of forest land for laying of 132 KV D/C Transmission Line from Ramban to Sangaldan in Mahore Forest Division by J&K PDD (For Kon's an Railway).

Reference:

Minutes of 113th Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) Meeting held on 11.03.2019 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary (Chairman et FAC) issued by Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer vide No PCCF/FCA/2903/1451-70 dated 25.03.2019.

Cabinet Decision No. 125/14/2019 dated 07 06 2019 conveyed b.: the General Administration Department.

State Administrative Council Decision No. 189/19/2019 dated 30 07:2019 conveyed by General Administration Department

Government Order No: 290 -FST of 2019

Dated:

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Sanction is hereby accomed to diversion of 6.2721 Ha, of forest land for laying of 132 KV D/C Transmission Line from Famoun to Sangaldan in Mahore Forest Division by J&K PNO (For Konkan Railviay) with the including particulars or occurrence to the terms and

Details of the conditions appearing herein after

User Agency/Applicant	JK pDD	-
Location	Comptt	07/Ar,43/Ar and 44/Ar
	Rango	Gool .
	Block	Sangaldan

Mahore Forest Oblision Division District Ramban

Objective

To provide power supply to processed Grid Stati-M/S Konkan Radway Constration Limited KROL at l'Sangaldan

4. Salient Features of the project:

1	Total Length of the transmission line	17 58 Km	
11	Length of transmission line through Forest land	2323 Mirs	
111	Width of corridor	27 00 Mtrs	

	per annual spring and and annual annu	
. IV . IV	Forest land required for corridor Forest land required for 9 transmission towers with 18m X 18m specification	6.2721 Ha. Area involved under tower is already included in area of corridor.
VI	Total No. of dumping sites on forest land	Nil, as User Agency undertaken that Mulba so excavated from construction of towers shall be reused in filling of tower
VII	Total forest land required	locations. 5.2721 Ha.
Viil	Protection work	Motin-quinced

Number of Trees / Poles/ Saplings involved:

Species	Trees (30-40cm & above)	Poles (20-30cm & 10-20cm)	Saplings (0-10cm)	Total
Chir (Pinus roxburghii)	162	70	00	232
Broad Leaved: Kau(Oleo cuspideta) and Phalai (Acacia modesta)	28	00	00	28
Total	190	70	00	260

Whether the forest land proposed to be 6. a used for non-forest purpose forms part of a natural reserve, national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve or forms No part of the habitat of any endangered or threatened species of flora and fauna or any area lying in severely eroded catchment. Whether the use of any forest land is for agriculture purposes the No rehabilitation of displaced persons.

of Forests had certified that it has, considered all other alternatives and that no other alternative in circumstances are feasible and that the required area is the minimum needed for the purpose, and d Whether the department or authority requisitioning forest land for non-forest

requisitioning forest land for non-forest uses undertakes to provide at its own cost acquisition of an equivalent area and afforestation thereof.

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The User Agency requisitioning forest land for non-forest purpose has not undertaken to provide an equivalent area at its

of afforestation on double the forest area. Further it has also undertaken to pay the NPV as per the Hon'ble Supreme court directions.

Net Present Value of forest land involved:

	Comptt. No.	Area involved (Ha.)	Crop Density	Eco-Value Class	Rate/ Ha (Rs. In Lac)	Amount (Rs.)
	07/Ar, 44/Ar	2 96731	Jense .	v .	8.45	25,07,3771
	43/Ar	3.3048	Very Dense	V	9.39	31.03.207/-
		6.2721	1	Total		56,10,584/-
8.	Compensato Ha. @ Rs.1 L	ry Afforestation ac per Hectare	n for double	the area i.e.	12.5442	Rs. 12,54,420/-
9.	C ompensation	on of tree <u>s/</u> pole	es/saplings			Rs. 11.93,041 /-

The User Agency shall pay the amount summarized below to the Forest Department

S.No. Component		Amount	
i.	Net Present Value	Rs 56,10,584/-	
ïi.	Compensatory Afforestation	Rs 12,54,420/-	
iii.	Compensation of trees	Rs.11,93,041 /-	
:	Total	Rs. 80,58,045 /-	
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Terms and Conditions:-

1. The proprietary and legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.

2. The User Agency and /or its contractors will not bring any forest area under their use, other than the actual area/activity approved by the Government for the instant proposal. Any laxity or deviation on this account by the User Agency or its contractors will attract penal provisions of the relevant Acts/legal provisions

3. The forest land shall be utilized only for the purpose for which it has been indented.

4. The forest land shall not be mortgaged, reassigned, leased or sub-leased by user agency in any manner what so ever to any other agency.

5. The User Agency shall pay the amount summarized above to the Forest Department

6. The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined as per decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

- (i) The extraction of the trees /poles/saplings shall be done by the State Forest Corporation/Divisional Forest Officer concerned on the basis of markings administratively approved by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu. The marking for tree felling will be done in consultation with the user agency and effort shall be made to save maximum number of trees/poles/saplings. The cost of extraction shall be paid by the User Agency directly to the agency executing the extraction.
- The fundamental rule for marking of trees, enumerated during processing of the proposals will be to save maximum number of trees without compromising with the construction and maintenance of the approved project structure and no trees/poles/saplings will be felled/cut/pruned/ lopped for purposes/project activities other than those approved/sanctioned.

Extraction shall be done as per guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests vide its no. F.No. 7-25/2012-FC dated 5th May 2014, which has been formulated in consultation with the Central Electricity Authority. Extraction will be carried out in following steps:

- (i) Marking list for felling of trees will be prepared by the local forest officer (DFO concerned) for the felling of trees coming in the alignment of foundation of towers and along the strip, as per requirement of the User Agency. Fundamental rule for the marking will be to save maximum number of trees without compromising with the construction and maintenance of the transmission line.
- (ii) Forest area required for foundation of the towers and three meter strip below each conductor bundle, which would be marked by the User Agency on the ground, will be cleared first. Trees on this area will be felled, but after stringing work is completed, natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Felling/ pollarding/ pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the DFO concerned wherever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance. One outer strip will be left clear to permit maintenance of transmission line.
- (iii) During construction of transmission line, pollarding/ pruning of trees located outside the width (three mt) of the strips, whose branches/parts infringe with conductor string, shall be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by local forest officer.
- (iv) Pruning of trees for taking construction/ stringing equipments through existing approach/ access routes in forest areas shall also be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by local forest officer. Construction of new approach/ access route will however, require prior approval under the Act.
- (v) In the remaining width of right of way, trees will be felled or lopped to the extent required, for preventing electrical hazards by maintaining 4 meter of minimum clearance between conductor and trees.

- (vi) To avoid any hazard, felling/cutting/pruning of those trees which because of their height/ location may fall on conductors shall also be permitted, as may be decided by the local forest officer.
- (vii) In the case of transmission lines to be constructed in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees will not be cut except those minimum required to be cut for stringing of conductors.
- 8. Plantation of shrubs/bushes and small size tree species will be done all along the Transmission line on forest land. A separate project would be prepared by the Forest Department in consultation with the User Agency for the purpose which would be funded by the User Agency. Plantation will be done after the stringing of conductor has been completed.
- The User Agency shall construct retaining walls/preast walls on forest land and take all necessary steps to check soil erosion which may result due to proposed construction.
 - 10. Any damage done to the forest by the User Agency or its contractors shall be charged from the User Agency @ 10 times as per the revised standard rate of 2018 issued vide the Government Order No. 10-FST of 2018 dated 09 01 2018.
 - 11. The forest land so allowed for use shall return to the Forest Department free of any encumbrances when it is no longer required by the User Agency.
 - 12. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue before commissioning of the project including Geology and Mining Department.
 - 13 The approval will remain valid for one year and in case the due amount against the project summarized above is not paid within the stipulated period i.e. from that date when user agency is asked to deposit the due amount, the approval shall be deemed to have been cancelled.
 - 14 The User Agency shall ensure that there is no pollution of the river(s) passing by the transmission line or any road or other project related activity. Further conditions as prescribed by the Union Ministry of environment, Forests & Climate Change vide its No.F.No.7-25/2012-FC Dated 5th May 2014 and shall be strictly followed by the User Agency.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-

(Manoj Kumar Dwivedi) IAS
Commissioner/Secretary to Government
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department.

No:- FST/Land/14/2019

Copy to the :-

Dated: 24 .09.2019

- 1. Secretary to Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
- 2 Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Power Development Department.
- 3. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K, Srinagar.
- 4. Managing Director, SFC, J&K, Srinagar
- 5. Chief Conservator of Forests, January
- C. CCENINGS Officer ECA Office of PCCF, J&K, Srinagar

- Chief Engineer Power Development Department, Jammu
- 8 Director Archives Archeology & Museums, J&K, Srinagar
- g OSD to Hon'ble Advisor (K) for information of Hon'ble Advisor
- 10 Pvt Secy to the Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC)
- 11 Pvt Secy to Commr/Secretary to Government Forests, Env & Ecology Department
- 12 Pvt Secy to Secretary(Technical) Forests, Env. & Ecology Department
- 13 Government Order file (w 2.s.c)/Stock file

Forest Ecology & Environment Department

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K

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Dated 19 -10 -2019

Copy of above forwarded for necessary action to the.

1 Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER RAMBAN RAMBAN FOREST DIVISION, RAMBAN

of 2021-22 in favour of Executive Engineer, TLMD-III Udhampur on account of illegal land breaking by JK Engineers while erection of transmission line towers of 132 KV, Ramban to Sangaldan Transmission line, sanctioned vide Govt. order No. 290-FST of 2019 dated 24-09-2019 as per Clause No. 10 of the sanction. Damage bill No.

Grand Total (in Rs.)	2,00,910	9,59,220	11,60,130
Compensation @ 10 times (in Lakhs)	1,15,500	0	1,15,500
Standard Rate (in Rs)	77	0	
Compensation @ No. of saplings 10 times (in damaged / Rs) burried (in Nos)	150	0	150
Compensation @ 10 times (in Rs)	85,410	9,59,220	10,44,630
NPV rate admisible per Ha. (in Rs)	6,57,000	6,57,000	
Area involved (in Ha)	0.013	0.146	0.159
Eco- Class	>	>	
Type of violation	Illegal land breaking	Illegal land breaking	
Comptt. No.	43/AR	44/AR	Total
Location	Haroge Battra	Haroge Battra	
User Agency	TLMD-III	Ltd)	
S.No.	1	2	

Ramban Forest Division Divisional Forest Officer Ramban (

No.RFD/Damage/21-22/.6024-28 Dated :- 17./12/2021

Copy submitted to the :-

- Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu for favour of information.
- Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer FCA O/o Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K Jammu for favour information.
- Conservator of Foersts, Chenab circle, Doda for faovur of inforamation.
- Executive Engineer, TLMD III Udhampur for information and n/action. The amount of damage bill raised as above be deposited immediately into the official acccount No. 0087010200000263 of Divisional Forest Officer Ramban
 - Copy to Range Officer, Gool for information and n/action. This is in reference to his damage bill No. 532/GR dated 04-03-2021 & No. 312/GR Dated:-17-12-

Ramban Forest Division Divisional Forest Officer Ramban

Full Title of the Project: Construction of 132 KV D/C Ramban Sangaldan Transmission

Line for providing power supply to Konkan Railway

File No:

FP/JK/TRANS/145320/2021

Date of Proposal:

27-07-2021

UNDERTAKING FOR PAYMENT OF NET PRESENT VALUE OF FOREST AREA

It is to certify that I/We Sh. Shiv Kumar Anand, Executive Engineer TLMD 3 Udhampur have applied for diversion of 4.37 ha (3.03 ha in Ramban Forest Division & 1.34 ha in Batote Forest Division) of forest area for the purpose of Construction of 132 kv D/C Ramban Sangaldan Transmission Line for providing power supply to Konkan Railway. I/We, hereby undertake to pay the net present value (NPV) of the above forest land. I/We also hereby undertake to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined as per the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, at a later date.

Place: Ramban Date:06-12-2021

Signature of User Agency

Gransmission Line Maintt. Div-III,

Countersigned

Divisional Forests Officer,

Divisional Forest Div

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Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department

OFFICE OF THE RANGE FOREST OFFICER

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The Divisional Forest Officer, Ramban Forest Division, Ramban.

No. 767_/GR Dated:- 10 /12/2022

Subject:-Proposal for construction of 132 KV D/C Ramban-Sangaldan-Transmission line for providing power supply to Konkan Railway; violation of Forest Conservation Act 1980, requirement of proper sanction for persecution of the official of TLMD-III.

Sir,

On the subject cited above, the following lines are submitted for your kind consideration,

- The Forest land measuring 6.2721 Ha of Forest land stand diverted to the User agency that TLMD-III for erection of 09 Nos of transmission line towers of 132 kv Transmission line in Gool Range as per preliminary Survey.
- 2. During the final and check survey 06 Nos of additional towers were required to be erected on Forest land measuring 3.03 Ha.
- 3. The Officials of User agency & Executive Agency i.e. JK Engineers started foundation work of additional towers of for which illegal land breaking was undertaken on non-diverted Forest land in Co. 43/Ar & Co.44/Ar without approval from the competent authority.
- 4. The concerned field Staff immediately took the cognigence of the violation committed by the User Agency & Executive Agency and stopped the illegal land breaking of Forest land. The concerned field staff also reported the matter to Range Office Gool well in time as required under rules, and ensured complete suspension/stoppage of any non-forestry activity on the Forest land. Block Officer concerned also worked out the loss to forest property and submitted the assessment of damage so that the compensation of forest damage can be ensured by recovering penalty from the User Agency within the perview of Govt. Order issued under the provision of Jammu & Kashmir Forest Conservation Act governing the construction of 132 kv transmission line in Co. 43/Ar & 44/Ar. The Officials of User Agency were directed to place a fresh proposal for the additional forest land.
- 5. The User Agency moved proposal for diversion of additional Forest land measuring 3.03 Ha falling under Co. 43/Ar & 44/Ar for erection of additional towers on PARIVESH portal.
- 6. The concerned field staff visited the indented additional forest land so that the case of diversion of forest land can be processed under Forest Conservation Act-1980.
- 7. The field staff submitted the spot verification report wherein it was reported that the User Agency has proposed for diversion of additional Forest land measuring 3.03 Ha for construction of 06 Nos of Transmission line towers in Co. 43/Ar and 44/Ar.
- 8. During processing of the proposal for use of additional forest land the damage caused by the User Agency by means of illegal land breaking was mentioned under violation section and penalty amounting to rupees 1160130/= raised in favour of Executive Engineer, TLMD-III Udhampur on account of illegal Land breaking along with the undertaking by the User Agency for payment of same was also submitted along with the case to the Conservator of the Forests,

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Chenab Circle, Doda through PARIVESH Portal and finally the EDS was raised by the IRO MoEF& CC vide file No. File No: 9-JKB-052/2022-Jammu October, 2022. Point iv of the EDS is reproduced as under:-

"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 the 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."

9. In compliance to instruction issued by your office vide No. RFD/6357 dated 27-10-2022 and RFD/FCA/6488 dated 04/05/2022 damage case has been booked against User agency and Officials of Executive Agency in Forest offence registered as Damage case No. 05 of 2022-23, copy of Forest Offence report along with the proceeding of investigation enclosed herewith for your kind perusal. Investigation is still under progress for violation of Indian Forest act 1927 and Forest Conservation act 1980.

However, for framing of charges and filing of charge sheet before Criminal court as a part of prosecution is required against the officials of the TLMD-III under section 197 of CrPC, 1973 the details of which are as under:-

S.No. Name Designation		Designation
1.	Kawaljeet Singh	Junior Engineer TLMD-III
2.	Sanjeev Kumar Pathiania	Assistant Executive Engineer TLMD-III
3.	Shiv Kumar Anand	Executive Engineer TLMD-III

In this regard, it is submitted that the matter may kindly be taken up with higher authorities for sanction of prosecution against the officials of TLMD-III mentioned above in light of the section 197 of the code of the Criminal Procedure, 1973.

10. As for as disciplinary action against concerned field officials is concerned, it is submitted that Forest Officials have taken proper cognigence against the offence as mentioned in detail in Para 04(above), as such no negligence as part of Forest Officials is noticed.

Yours faithfully

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