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To,

The Conservator of Forests,
East Circle, Jammu.

Sub: Diversion on 2.43 ha of Forest land in Kathua Forest Division for Construction of 27 mtr span double lane motorable steel Girder bridge over Sugul Khad at Guni including construction of approach road Gunni to Sarthan District Kathua, UT of Jammu and Kashmir-reg.

Ref: The CCF (Nodal Officer), FCA O/o PCCF (HoFF), J&K office letter No. PCCF/FCA/1291 Dated: 17/03/2022.

Sir,

On the above captioned subject and reference, the point wise reply to the EDS raised by the DIGF (Central) Regional Officer IRO, Jammu is given as under:-


S. No.	EDS raised	Reply
1	Under Colum A1 (iii) of part I short narrative of the proposal needs to be provided.	The said correction has been made by the User agency.
2	The total period for which the forest land is required is mentioned 90 yrs, which needs to be corrected.	The said correction has been made by the User agency.
3	Under B2.3 of part-I, there is only one village mentioned in the village -wise break-up; whereas under the layout plan, it appears that there are more than one villages, where forest diversion areas provided area are involved. This may please be clarified/corrected.	The same has been uploaded by the user agency under menu option "B2.3" in (Form-A) Part-I on PARIVESH portal.
4	The Administrative approval provided is only from the construction of the bridge over Sugul Khad on Mannu Hatli road, whereas proposal is for bridge and approach road. The UT Administration may send calcifications for the same.	As reported by the user agency in response to the instant EDS, the Administrative approval for the construction of above noted work includes the cost of construction of approach road also. The copy of the DPR has been uploaded by the user agency under menu option "Additional Document" in (Form-A) Part-I on PARIVESH portal.
5	Examination of KML reveals that the proposed alignment is passing through the Kandi Formation in the Lower Shivalik and poles getting affected, it is requested to kindly look for the alternative examined.	As reported by the user agency in response to the instant EDS, the construction of 27 mtr. Span double lane motorable Steel Girder bridge over Sugul Khad at Guni including construction of approach road Gunni to Sarthan is a part of Manu Hatli road. The road is already constructed upto Dabathali and it culminates at Sarthan. The alignment, which is the shortest possible and connects the maximum hamlets i.e. (Guni, Malera, Dunu, Sarthan, Choatralahar etc), has been selected keeping in view the grade of the road. No other alignment is technically feasible and, as such, not worked out. Moreover, minimum Forest land is involved in the proposed road.



6	The Undertaking for CA and NPV provided does not mention proposal number and date. The UT Administration may send clarifications for the same.	The correction has been made and same uploaded under menu option "Additional Information Details" in (Form-A) Part-II on PARIVESH portal.
7	The User Agency may clarify that whether the project is of Central Government and the executing agency is the State Government?	As reported by the user agency in response to the instant EDS,, the project was sanctioned under C.R.F and fully funded by the Central Government and the executing agency is State Government.
8	Upon DSS Analysis of the project site and CA site, it has been found that the CA site proposed has mature scattered trees in approx. 0.87 hac out of 5.1 ha., that makes only 4.23 hac land available for restocking, which less than double to the area proposed for diversion.	The revised CA plan has been uploaded under menu option "13" in (Form-A) Part-II on PARIVESH portal.


Hence submitted for favour of information and necessary action please.

Yours faithfully


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Copy submitted to: -

1. The Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu for favour of information please.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal Officer), FCA O/o PCCF (HoFF) for favour of information please.


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