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

No. PCCF/FCA/3158/ 1820-21

Dated 5-08-2021

Sub: Diversion of 12.052 ha of forest land for construction of road from Mari to Dhakikote Part-Ii, District Reasi, U.T. of Jammu and Kashmir.

Ref: Minutes of the 40th meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) held on 17th and 18th June, 2021 at Integrated Regional Office, Chandigarh.

Sir,

The Regional Empowered Committee (REC) in its meeting held on 17-18 June, 2021 at Integrated Regional Office, Chandigarh had deferred the above proposal to the next meeting subject to the submission of following information:

- (i) B-2.4 of Part-I of the proposal shows area proposed for diversion as 12.072 ha instead of the proposed extent of 12.052 ha. Area statement to be corrected.
- (ii) REC observed that some portions of the road passing through nonforest area appear like forest area. Nodal Officer to constitute a joint team to visit such area of non-forest on ground to submit an inspection report to the REC with respect to the apprehensions raised by REC in the next meeting.

In pursuance of the above decision of the REC, the CF, West Circle, Rajouri, accompanied by Revenue officials and representatives of the user agency conducted onspot inspection of the proposed site on 25-06-2021 and 26-06-2021. Based on the field observations of the committee, the proposal has been revised. Now, the length of the proposed road falling in forest land has increased from 13695 meter to 18155 Mtr.

Thus the involvement of forest area under the road alignment has increased from 8.217 Ha to 10.893 Ha. Further, the user agency has reduced the forest

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area involved in 26 no. of dumping sites from 3.835 Ha to 1.159 Ha. Thus, the total forest area involved in the proposed road remains at 12.052 Ha.

In the earlier proposal the number of trees/poles/saplings were 1666; in the revised proposal, with the increase in length of the road in forest land, the number of trees/poles/saplings have increased to 1764.

The revised documents/information has been uploaded by the user agency and DFO Reasi.

Hence submitted for favour of information and further necessary action at your end please.

Yours faithfully

(Sarvesh Rai) IFS

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer (FCA

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1. Regional Officer, IRO, MoEF & CC Jammu. This is with reference to his office letter No. 9-JKC-035/2021-Jammu dated 26-06-2021.