

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/3187/3849-51

Dated 25-02-2022

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 0.325 ha of forest land for construction of Bisran to Sherakhi via Mandhan (Phase-I) by PWD (R&B) Department in Bhaderwah Forest Division.

Ref: Proposal No. FP/JK/Road/49576/2020

Sir,

This is with reference to the above proposal. The requisite reply has been uploaded by the user agency. With respect to point no.iii of the EDS, it is submitted that special provision has been made for certain categories of projects in which compensatory afforestation shall be raised on degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area diverted in terms of section 2.5 of Chapter 2 of the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change vide communication No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019. It includes construction of link roads, small water works, minor irrigation works, school building, dispensaries, hospital, tiny rural industrial sheds of the Government or any other similar work excluding mining and encroachment cases, which directly benefit the people of the area in hill districts and in other districts having forest area exceeding 50% of the total geographical area, provided diversion of forest area does not exceed 20 Hectares.

All Districts of Jammu & Kashmir are hill districts as per India State of Forests Report 2019 by Forest Survey of India, Dehradun.

In view of the above provision, the DFO Bhaderwah has prepared the compensatory afforestation plan on degraded forest land.

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

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ours faithfully

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Link Officer (FCA)

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