



Department of Wildlife Protection J&K Government OFFICE OF THE WILDLIFE WARDEN KATHUA

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The Conservator of Forests, East Circle, Jammu.

No. WLW/K/2022-23/720-23

Dated: 25-06-20221.

Subject: Diversion of 2.84 Ha. of forest land for Construction of alternative alignment of Lakhanpur-Thein Road Km 11th to 12th due to submergences of 2×39 Mtrs, R.C.C T girder bridge on Nora Nallah (at 410.0 Mtrs Level) PWD (R&B) Division Kathua, UT of Jammu & Kashmir: reg.

Reference: - i) Online proposal bearing on FP/JK/ROAD/155190/2022 received on dated 02.06.2022.

ii) IRO Jammu File No.: 9-JKB-026/2022-Jammu Dated: 23-06-2022.

Sir.

In reference to the aforementioned proposal for Diversion of 2.84 Ha. of forest land for "Construction of alternative alignment of Lakhanpur-Thein Road Km 11th to 12th due to submergences of 2×39 Mtrs, R.C.C T girder bridge on Nora Nallah (at 410.0 Mtrs Level) PWD (R&B) Division Kathua" in Wildlife Division Kathua for Non-forestry purpose in accordance with section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the point wise information/clarification as sought by the Integrated Regional Office Jammu have been complied in the online proposal with details submitted as under:

- 1. The density of the Forest Land has been corrected as 0.4 at 4(i) in Part-II online.
- 2. With respect to site inspection of undersigned, it is submitted the user agency started digging of earth work on 17/04/2022 which was immediately stopped by the concerned Range Officer and *prima-facia* damage case No. 1 of 2022-23 date 17-04-2022 was registered against the User agency. Further, a four members enquiry committee was constituted to ascertain the quantum of damage by User agency. The enquiry committee submitted his findings that an earth work of 70×30 feet has been excavated on the Private/Agricultural Land by User agency and there is no loss of pole/saplings or trees. Further, the enquiry committee also submitted that the damage site is located on Private/Agricultural Land which falls just outside the boundary of Reserved Forest of comptt. 16/KTH of Thein Conservation Reserve. Therefore, the earth work was executed on the Private/Agricultural field and thus there is no damage to any Forest land

Wildlife Warder Kathua and tree/pole/saplings as submitted by the enquiry team which was also verified and ascertained by the undersigned during 2nd site inspection on 25-05-2022. (Annexure –I).

- 3. The area in compartment wise in break-up in Part-I has been corrected as 2.84 Ha.
- 4. The correct site suitability certificate of the CA Plan has been submitted after incorporating the CA details and area (Annexure –II).
- 5. The User Agency has already applied for necessary Wildlife Clearance in the instant proposal vide proposal No. FP/JK/ROAD/155190/2022 Dated 07-05-2022 which has been submitted to the Competent Authority for accord of necessary Wildlife Clearance.
- 6. The revised CA Plan duly approved by the Conservator of Forests, East Circle Jammu has been uploaded online (Annexure-III).

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

Yours faithfully,

Vijay Kumar, SFS

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Copy Submitted to:

1. The CCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FC), Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment Van Bhawan, Below Gumat, Jammu for kind information please.

2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Kathua/Billawar for kind information please.

Wildlife Warden Kathlifa Warden Kathua

Date: 10.05.2022



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The Wildlife Warden Kathua

No.: ROM/23

Subject: Constitution of committee to assess the quantum of damage by Executive Engineer; R&B Division Kathua in Comp. 16 KTH of Thein Conservation Reserve

R/Sir,

In context to the above cited subject, it is to submit that-

- 1. U/S along with the committee constituted, Range Officer Thein Conservation Reserve, and staff concerned visited the site as on 22.04.2021.
- As per site inspection it is found that Executive Engineer; R&B Division Kathua has tendered the work for construction of bridge at Noora Nala which falls in Co. 16/KTH of protected area of Their conservation reserve.
- As the Contractors started the earth work on 17.04.2022, Staff of Thein Conservation Reserve reached at site and managed to stop the work immediately (As stated by the Range Officer, Thein Conservation Reserve).
- 4. Before they stopped the work, User agency has done the Earth work of size 70X30 ft. approx which includes minor cutting and filling of about 5 ft. and there is no loss of tree/poles. (Pics with geo-reference enclosed)
- 5. As verified from the ground by the enquiry team the damage site apparently found in agricultural land but presently not under agricultural cultivation.
- 6. During enquiry from the officials of PWD R&B Division Kathua, it was found that the JCB was engaged with an attempt to land/approach on the proposed alignment through Non-Forest land (Private Land). The damage site is located in between the existing road and proposed alignment which falls outside the boundary of comptt. 16/KTH of Thein CR (copy of google imagery enclosed).

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- 7. As far as negligence of the part of the staff of wildlife protection department is concerned, they have done their job by moving swiftly to the site and managed to stop the work immediately and prevented the PWD R&B Division Kathua to enter in Comptt. 16/KTH/Reserved Forest/ Deemed Forest/state land.
- During the site inspection U/S along with team met with the officials of PWD and they have shown documents with respect to the proposed Project in the comptt. 16/KTH of Thein CR.

Therefore, it can be concluded that the damage site falls on Non-Forest land (Private Land) just outside the comptt. 16/KTH of Thein CR but the proposed alignment falls in Comptt.16/KTH and involves Reserved Forest/State land thus, requires necessary wildlife/forest clearance for the proposed Project by PWD R&B Division Kathua.

Hence submitted for favour of information and further necessary action please

1. Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Range Officer

2. Sh. Bishember Singh Range Officer

3. Sh. Vinay Kumar, Forester

4. Sh. Zakir Hussain, Forester

Yours faithfully

Range Officer Surinsar-mansar Wildlife Range

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the higher Duthorhies.

11-5-22



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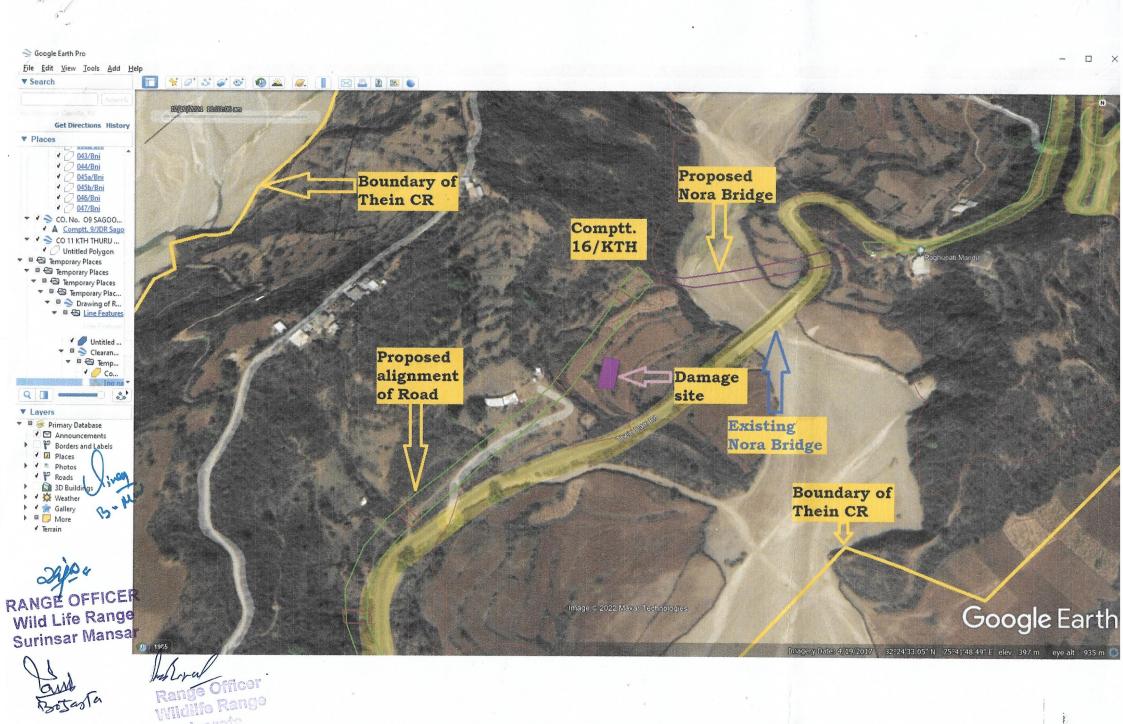
Copy submitted to the:

- 1. PCCF/Chief Wildlife Warden J&K Govt. Jammu for favour of kind information please.
- 2. Regional Wildlife Warden Jammu Region, Jammu for favour of kind information please. Copy to the:
- 3. Range Officer, Their Conservation Reserve for information and necessary action.

Wildlife Warden 11-5-22

Dated: 11.05.2022

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Full Title of the Proposal: Construction of Alternative Alignment of Lakhanpur-Thein Road Km 11th to 12th due to submergences of 2×39 Mtrs, R.C.C.T Girder Bridge on Nora Nallah (at 410.0 Mtrs Level) PWD (R&B) Division Kathua.

Proposal No.: FP/JK/ROAD/155190/2022.

Date of Proposal: - 07-05-2022.

Kathua

Site Inspection report by an officer not below the rank of DCF/DFO (For the forest land to be diverted under FCA)

- 1. A proposal has been received by this office from Er. Vinod Kumar, Executive Engineer P.W.D (R&B) Division Kathua for diversion (under FCA, 1980) of 2.84 Ha. of forest land for non-forestry purpose. The subject envisages the use of forest land for the Construction of Alternative Alignment of Lakhanpur-Thein Road Km 11th to 12th due to submergences of 2×39 Mtrs, R.C.C.T Girder Bridge on Nora Nallah (at 410.0 Mtrs Level) PWD (R&B) Division Kathua. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on 10-05-2022. On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the User Agency is a forest land measuring 2.84 Ha. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the UA in Col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project.
- 2. Weather any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area? If so, the details thereof: - Common leopard (*Panthera pardus*).
- 3. Weather any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area? If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required:-No.
- 4. (a) With respect to site inspection of undersigned, it is submitted the user agency started digging of earth work on 17/04/2022 which was immediately stopped by the concerned Range Officer and prima-facia damage case No. 1 of 2022-23 date 17-04-2022 was registered against the User agency. Further, a four members enquiry committee was constituted to ascertain the quantum of damage by User agency. The enquiry committee submitted his findings that an earth work of 70×30 feet has been excavated on the Private/Agricultural Land by User agency and there is no loss of pole/saplings or trees. Further, the enquiry committee also submitted that the damage site is located on Private/Agricultural Land which falls just outside the

boundary of Reserved Forest of comptt. 16/KTH of Thein Conservation Reserve.

Therefore, the earth work was executed on the Private/Agricultural field and thus there is no damage to any Forest land and tree/pole/saplings as submitted by the enquiry team which was also verified and ascertained by the undersigned during 2nd site inspection on 25-05-2022.

5. Specific recommendations for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal:

The total length of proposed road is 3.10 Kilometers falling inside the Comptt. 16/KTH of Thein Conservation Reserve involving an area of 2.84 Ha. Thus, total forest land (Reserved Forest) needs to be diverted from Thein Wildlife Conservation Reserve is 2.84 Ha and 134 total no. of trees/sapling of mainly broadly species are involved in the proposed alignment. The Construction of Alternative Alignment of Lakhanpur-Thein Road Km 11th to 12th due to submergences of 2×39 Mtrs, R.C.C.T Girder Bridge on Nora Nallah (at 410.0 Mtrs Level) PWD (R&B) Division Kathua shall provide quality connectivity to the public of 4 Numbers of Tehsils of Kathua District namely Billawar, Mahanpur, Basohli and Bani when completed. No significant negative impact of the current proposal on Thein Wildlife Conservation Reserve is likely to occur in terms of section 29 of the Wildlife Protection Act. 1972, thus there is no significant impact on the corridor of the Wildlife, as there is already existing single lane link Road before 1980.

Date: 25-06-2022. Place: Kathua.

Name: Vijay Kumar, SFS

Designation: Wildlife Warden Kathua.

Wildlife Warden Kathua

Annexure-II

Full Title of the Project: Construction of alternative alignment of Lakhanpur Thein road km 11th to 12th due

to submergences of 2x39 Mtrs R.C.C. T-Girder bridge on Nora Nallah (at 410.00

Mtrs level)

File No: FP/JK/ROAD/155190/2022

Date of Proposal: 16/06/2022

Land Suitability Certificate by DFO (Territorial)

This is to certify that 6.52 ha land bearing survey no./compartment no. 22/BLR of village Macchedi (Dull), Tehsil Billawar, District Kathua identified for compensatory afforestation is suitable for plantation from management point of view and is free from all sorts of encumbrances and encroachments.

Place: Billawar

Date: 25/06/2022

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Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER **BILLAWAR FOREST DIVISION** BILLAWAR

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Τo,

The Wild Life Warden Kathua

No: - DFO/BLR/1174

Dated 25/06/2022

Sub:- CA scheme in respect of FCA Proposal No FP/JK/ROAD/155190/2022: Construction of alternative alignment of Lakhanpur Thein road km 11th to 12th due to submergences of 2x39 Mtrs R.C.C. T-Girder bridge on Nora Nallah (at 410.00 Mtrs level).

Your office letter No. WLW/K/2022-23/709 dated 23/06/2022 addressed to DFO Kathua.

Sir, On the subject and reference cited above, kindly find enclosed herewith, the Compensatory Afforestation Plan to the tune of Rs. 9.61 Lakhs as per new format in respect of FCA Proposal No FP/JK/ROAD/155190/2022: Construction of alternative alignment of Lakhanpur Thein road km 11th to 12th due to submergences of 2x39 Mtrs R.C.C. T-Girder bridge on Nora Nallah (at 410.00 Mtrs level).

In this regard, it is pertinent to mention that due to non-availability of suitable land for carrying out Compensatory Afforestation and also owing to the urgency associated with the project, the instant CA scheme has been prepared by the undersigned instead of DFO Kathua.

Hence forwarded to you for information and further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: -

(Vivek Modi), SFS **Divisional Forest Officer** Billawar Forest Division Billawar



Government of Jammu & Kashmir (UT) OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS JAMMU EAST CIRCLE, JAMMU

Subject: Accord of Administrative Approval / Technical sanction for CA Plan in respect of FCA proposal No. FP/JK/ROAD/155190/2022: Construction of alternative alignment of Lakhanpur Thein road km 11th to 12th due to submergences of 2x39 mtrs RCC T-Girder bridge on Nora Nallah (at 410 mtrs level).

Reference: DFO Billawar letter No: DFO/BLR/1173 dated: 25.06.2022.

ORDER

The work proposal for Compensatory Afforestation to be done in lieu of diversion of 2.84 hectare of Forest land in comptt. No. 22/BLR (Dull) in Billawar Forest Division for FCA Proposal No: "FP/JK/ROAD/155190/2022" to the tune of Rs. 9,61,000/- submitted by the Divisional Forest Officer, Billawar Forest Division is hereby approved/sanctioned as per the details given below:-

Proposal No.	Nomenclature of FCA Work	User Agency	Location of Proposed Work	Area involved for Diversion	Area under C.A Plan	Financial Implications of the proposal	Canopy Density
FP/JK/ROAD /155190/2022	Construction of alternative alignment of Lakhanpur Thein road km 11th to 12th due to submergences of 2x39 mtrs RCC T-Girder bridge on Nora Nallah (at 410 mtrs level).	XEN, PWD (R&B), Kathua	Co. 22/BLR (Dull)	2.84 На.	6.52 Ha	Rs 9.61	0.4

The approval/Sanction is subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. All the terms and conditions as per the provisions of Forest Conservation Act 1980 w.r.t Compensatory Afforestation are complied with.
- 2. That the existing Forest Tariff Rate Schedule shall be applicable.
- 3. That the Divisional Forest Officer Billawar Forest Division, Billawar shall be the implementing agency by executing the CA Plan.

(B. Mohandaas, IFS) Conservator of Forests, East Circle, Jammu

Dated: 25/06/2022

No: 353-56/FCA/CFE/J

Copy submitted to the:-

- 1. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), J&K for information.
- 2. Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer, FCA, O/o the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K for information.
- 3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu for information.
- 4. DFO Billawar Forest Division for information and necessary action.



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To,

The Conservator of Forests, East Circle, Jammu.

No: - DFO/BLR/1173

Dated 25/06/2022

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Proposal No.	Nomenclature of FCA work	User agency	Location of proposed works	Area involved for diversion	Area under CA Plan	Financial Implications of the proposal	Canopy Density
FP/JK/Road/ 155190/2022	Construction of alternative alignment of Lakhanpur Thein road km 11th to 12th due to submergences of 2x39 Mtrs R.C.C. T-Girder bridge on Nora Nallah (at 410.00 Mtrs level)	XEN, PWD (R&B), Kathua	Co.22/BLR (Dull)	2.84 hac.	6.52 hac.	9.61 Lakhs	0.4

In this connection, it is requested that the Administrative Approval / Technical sanction of the CA proposal may kindly be accorded for further needful action.

Yours faithfully

Encl: -

(Vivek Modi), SFS Divisional Forest Officer Billawar Forest Division

Billawar

Compensatory Afforestation Scheme

Full Title of the Forest land Diversion Project	Construction of alternative alignment of Lakhanpur Thein road km 11th to 12th due to submergences of 2x39 Mtrs R.C.C. T-Girder bridge on Nora Nallah (at 410.00 Mtrs level)				
File No.	FP/JK/ROAD/155190/2022				
Dated of Proposal:	16-06-202 2				
Name of Forest Division (where Forest land is proposed to be diverted)	Billawar Forest Division				
Forest Area to be diverted in Hac.	2.84		Tale 1		
Forest /Non Forest area to be planted	CA is proposed to be carri	ed out on degraded F	Forest land		
No. of trees to be felled (which are coming in the alignment of the proposed project)	134				
No. of plants/poles coming in the alignment of the proposed project	0	1 70			
No. of plants to be planted in the CA scheme	o. of plants to be planted in the CA scheme 6000				
Details of land where C.A. is to be carried out:					
Degraded Forest land Yes/No.	Yes	Area	6.52 hac.		
Non-Forest land	NA	Area	NA		
Forest Division	Billawar Forest Division	District	Kathua		
Range	Billawar Forest Division	Tehsil	Billawar		
Compartment No.	22/Blr	Kh. No. (For non Forest land)	NA		
C.A. Site (Name of the location)	Dull	C.A. area (in hac)	6.52		
C.A. site Geo Coordinates:					
Start Point: Latitude	32 ⁰ 41.4.812" N	Longitude	75 ⁰ 37'6.696" E		
Ending Point:Latitude	32 ⁰ 41' 3.146" N	Longitude	75 ⁰ 37'11.019" E		
In case of non-Forest area identified for CA then what is distance of CA site from the adjoining Forest Boundary	NA NA				
1. Description of C.A. site					
a. Soil Type	The soil in general is medium in depth assiociated with pebbles, boulders and course sand.				
b. Topography: Hilly/undulating/plain	Hilly				
c. Slope: Steep/medium/gentle	Steep/medium/gentle Medium				
d. For non Forest land-description of existing vegetation/root stock and density	NA				
e. In case of degraded Forest land-description of Forest type and crown density	Forest Type is Upper or Himalayan Chir Pine Forest with average crown density of around 0.4 (40 %) It is a part of Conservation/Protection Working Circle.				

Divisional Forest Officer
Billawar Forest Division, Billawar

II. Site specific CA plan

Schedule of	plantation	programme

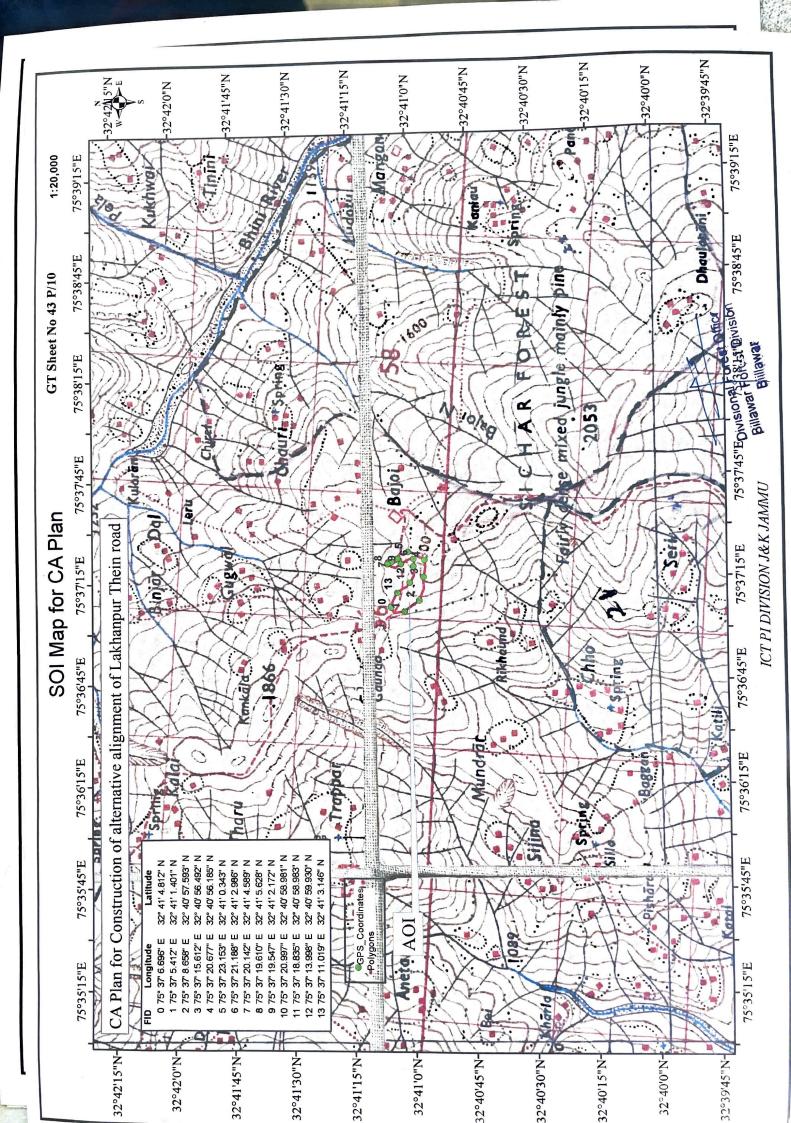
5. No.	Description			Rate	Total Amount
Α		Unit	No	(in Rs)	(in Rs)
1	Cost of raising polybagged saplings in Forest Nursery including provision for Nursery mortality @ 20%	No	7200	10.69	0.77
2	Cost of afforestation (planting) of nursery raised P.B. plants	No	6000	29.34	1.76
3	1st year Maintenance	No	1500	29.34	0.44
4	2nd year Maintenance	No	900	29.34	0.26
5	3rd year Maintenance	No	300	29.34	0.09
6	4th year Maintenance	No	300	29.34	0.09
7	5th year Maintenance	No	300	29.34	0.09
8	6th year Maintenance	No	300	29.34	0.09
9	7th year Maintenance	No	300	29.34	0.09
10	8th year Maintenace	No	300	29.34	0.09
11	9th year Maintenace	No	300	29.34	0.09
12	10th year Maintenace	No	300	29.34	0.09
	Total(A)		300	27.51	3.76
B 1	Other Afforestation Interventions (As per the requirem Patch sowing	ent of the site o	condition)	6.99	0.00
2	Planting of grass Slips	No	0	6.35	0.00
	Total(B)			0.33	0.00
С	Fencing		4	T. C. T.	0.00
1	Square PCC Post Fencing (4 strand)	Rft	5560	72.78	4.05
2	Repair and renovation of fencing	Rft	5560	16.74	0.93
1	Total ©	A STATE OF THE STA	3300	10.74	4.98
D	Site Preparation: (Removal of Cutting, Grabbing and Lantana)	Hac.	0	22904	0.00
E	Pruning and Tending of Existing Root Stocks	No.	0	6.35	0.00
	Total C.A charges(A to E)			the same and	8.74
F	Soil and Water Conservation and protection measures I	ike construction	of fire lines and i	nspection path	0.74
i	Construction of WHS	No.	1	LS	0.00
ii	DRSM Work	Cum	0	1099	0.00
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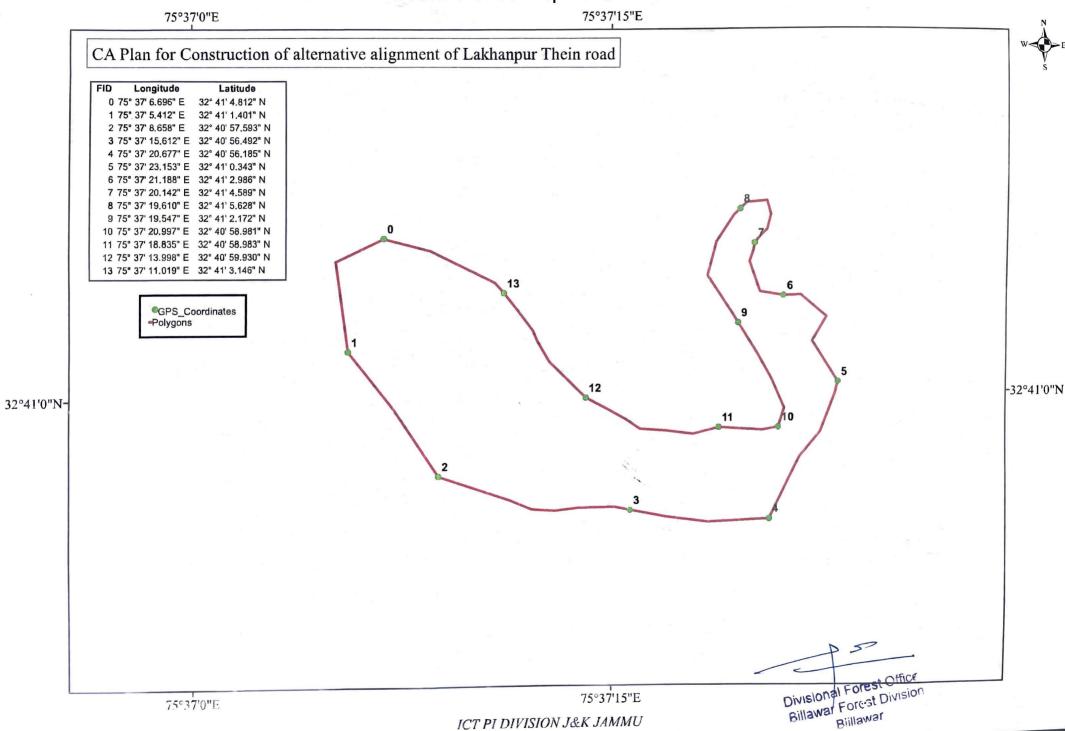
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III. Technical Details: Technical detaiuls of Compensatory Afforestation sceheme are as follows:

5. No.	Particulars	Remarks
1	General Details	A Upper or Himalayan Chir Pine Forest degraded forest patch of area 6 ha and canopy density of 0.4 (40%) falling in Conservation/Protection Working Circle has been selected to carry out the compensatory afforestation wherein it is proposed to plant 6000 no. of different indegenous broad-leaf species.
2	Plantation Method	Aided Natural Regeneration of mixed indegenous Conifer and broad-leaf species
3	Spacing	3 mtrs.
4	Species proposal to the planted	Different indegenous Conifer and Broad-leaf species like Banj Oak (Quercus incaana) and Chir (Pinus roxburghii).
5	Silvicultural operation	NA
6	Soil & Moisture Conservation Works	NA
7	Protection (Fencing, W&W People's participation etc)	Square PCC Post fencing Fencing of the CA patch @ 5560 rft and periodic repair thereof.
8	Proposed Monitoring Mechanism	Routine inspection and reporting thereof by the concerned beat guard and supervisory field staff as per the extant M&E mechanism of the department is proposed.
9	Any other information	

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This is to certify that 6.52 ha land bearing survey no./compartment no. 22/BLR of village Macchedi (Dull), Tehsil Billawar, District Kathua identified for compensatory afforestation is suitable for plantation from management point of view and is free from all sorts of encumbrances and encroachments.

Place: Billawar

Date: 25/06/2022

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Forest Mayor Forest Officer

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