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
i.	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)

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 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

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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.