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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, जम्मू / Integrated Regional Office, Jammu



File No: 9-JKB-010/2022-Jammu

Dated: 14/03/2022

To,

CCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FC),
Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment
Van Bhawan, Below Gumat,
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(ccffcjkl@gmail.com)

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

Reg: **i) Online proposal bearing on FP/JK/ROAD/140798/2021 received on dated 23.02.2022**

Sir,

Kindly refer to the online proposal of Government of Jammu & Kashmir on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of **2.43 ha** of forest land in **Kathua Forest Division** for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. With respect to above-mentioned proposal of the Govt of J&K, the following information/clarification are still required to be submitted:

- (i) Under Colum A1 (iii) of part I, short narrative of the proposal needs to be provided.
- (ii) The Total period for which the forest land is required is mentioned 90 yrs, which needs to be corrected.
- (iii) Under column B 2.3 of part I, there is only one village mentioned in the village-wise break up; whereas, under the lay out plan, it appears that there are more than one villages, where forest diversion areas are involved. This may please be clarified/corrected.
- (iv) The administrative approval provided is only from the construction of the bridge over Sugul Khad on Manu Hatli Road, whereas proposal is for bridge and approach road. The UT Administration may send clarifications for the same.
- (v) Examination of the KML reveals that the proposed alignment is passing through the Kandi Formation in the Lower Shivalik Ranges, which is very prone to erosion. Since, there are large number of saplings and poles getting affected, it is requested to kindly look for the alternatives examined.
- (vi) The Undertaking for CA and NPV provided does not mention proposal number and date. The UT Administration may provide the same.
- (vii) The UA may clarify that whether the project is of Central Government and the executing agency is the State Government?
- (viii) 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 ha. out of 5.1 ha., that makes only **4.23 (ha)** land available for restocking, which less than double to the area proposed for diversion.

3. The compliance to the above may be submitted within 30 days from the date of issue of this letter failing which the proposal shall be liable to be rejected for want to information.

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Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Raja Ram Singh)
DIGF (Central)
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Signed by Raja Ram Singh

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Reason: Approved