MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON $5^{\rm TH}$ APRIL 2021 TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSALS FOR DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR NON FORESTRY PURPOSE UNDER THE FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT, 1980 IN THE STATE OF UTTARAKHAND

The meeting was held on 05th April 2021 at 12:00 Noon to discuss the proposal for the diversion of forest land for non forestry purpose under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the state of Uttarakhand in the Meeting Room of the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Dehradun under the Chairmanship of Shri. Pankaj Agrawal, IFS, Addl. PCCF, Integrated Regional Office, Dehradun.

Following official/non-official members & the special invitees were present in the meeting either in person or through video conferencing.

S.No.	Name	Designation
01	Shri. Pankaj Agrawal, IFS	Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
02	Shri T. C. Nautiyal, IFS	Dy. Inspector General of Forest
03	Shri Rajeev Dhiman, IFS	Divisional Forest Officer, Dehradun
04	Dr. Yogesh Gairola	Technical Officer
05	Representative from User Agency	Executive Engineer, PWD and team

At the outset, Addl. PCCF, IRO, MoEFCC, Dehradun welcomed all the Members of today's meeting. Dr. Yogesh Gairola gave a brief description of the purpose of this meeting and detailed the issues in the following proposals seeking diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose pertaining to the state of Uttarakhand, are as under:-

Agenda Item No. 01: Diversion of 3.60 ha of forest land for construction of double lane Motor Road and foot path from Doidwala Dudhli Main road to Chandmari-Mishrawal-Lachhiwala bridge in district Dehradun under Hon'ble CM Ghoshna No. 105/2017 in favour of Public Work Department Uttarakhand within the jurisdiction of Dehradun Forest Division, Distt. Dehradun, Uttarakhand. (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/ROAD/42851/2019)

The case was discussed and the concerned DFO and User Agency briefed the proposal. It was noted that the observations in the case were conveyed vide this office EDS letter dt. 31.12.2020, reply to which was submitted by the State Government vide letter dt. 09.03.2021. It

was noticed that for requirement of double lane, width of 12m has not been justified well in the proposal in view of existing IRC norms.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, following decisions were taken in the meeting:-

- 1- It was decided that to edit the details of non-forest land on online portal this office will also consult the NIC, New Delhi.
- 2- State Government may justify the requirement of width 12 m for the construction of road in accordance with the norms of IRC, and work out to reduce the width in order to minimize the felling, if possible.
- 3- It is seen that the area proposed for diversion falls within 10 KM of Rajaji National Park. The State Government may submit the comments of the CWLW for adverse impact on wildlife and requirement of animal passage plan, if any.

Agenda Item No. 02: Diversion of 3.238 ha of forest land for construction of new motor road from sungaon to Nahikalan in Doiwala district Dehradun in favour of Public Work Department Uttarakhand within the jurisdiction of Dehradun Forest Division, Distt. Dehradun, Uttarakhand. (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/ROAD/37612/2018)

The case was discussed and the concerned DFO and User Agency briefed the proposal. It was noticed that the observations in the case were conveyed vide this office EDS letter dt. 26.03.2021. It was informed by the user agency that the nine muck disposal sites have been selected for the disposal of muck and the discrepancy in the total of area calculation have taken place due to mistake in details in the table submitted earlier in the proposal. Further, it was also informed that the construction of the road beyond point No. 35 (as per the geo-referenced digital map) is justified as this will connect the target village at the end point of the road having population of 34 and all Government infrastructure like primary school, dispensaries, etc. is situated at point 35 therefore the stretch beyond point No. 35 is unavoidable.

After detailed discussion, following decisions were taken in the meeting:-

- 1- State Government may ensure that the muck disposal sites are not in forest land.
- 2- State Government may submit the revised calculation of the muck disposal plan for nine muck dumping sites after calculating the swell factor (40%).
- 3- State Government may submit the documents mentioning the justification for the requirement of the road as explained by the user agency in the meeting beyond point No. 35 of the geo-referenced digital map.
- 4- State Government may submit the point-wise reply of the points raised by this office vide letter dt. 26.03.2021.

Both the cases are pending with this office therefore the State Government may submit the reply through offline mode by the end of this week. So that necessary action can be taken at the earliest.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

(T.C. Nautiyal)

Dy. Inspector General of Forest

Distribution:

- 1. The PCCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation, Uttarakhand, Indira Nagar, Forest Colony, Dehradun.
- 2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Dehradun Forest Division, Tilak Road, Dehradun.
- 3. The Executive Engineer, PWD, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

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