

MINUTES OF THE FORTNIGHTLY REGIONAL COORDINATION MEETING

HELD ON 28th APRIL, 2023

The Fortnightly Regional Coordination Meeting (FRCM) was held on 28th April 2023 at 04:15PM in the conference room of the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Dehradun under the Chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Agrawal, IFS, Addl. PCCF to discuss the pending proposals.

Following officers were present in the meeting either in person or through video conferencing: -

Sl.No.	Name	Designation
01	Shri. Pankaj Agrawal, IFS	Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, IRO, Dehradun
02	Shri Gajendra Prakash Narwane	AIGF, IRO, Dehradun
03	Dr. Yogesh Gairola	Technical Officer, IRO, Dehradun
04	Shri. Sunny Goel	Technical Officer, IRO, Dehradun
Following invitees joined the meeting		
05	Shri. S.S.Rasaily, IFS	APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Uttarakhand
06	DFO, Kedarnath Wildlife Division (through VC)	
07	DFO, Tons Forest Division (through VC)	
08	DFO, Almora Forest Division (through VC)	
09	SDO, Dehradun Forest Division	
10	Representatives of the User Agency	

At the outset, APCCF, IRO, MoEF&CC, Dehradun welcomed all the members for the meeting and following proposals which were identified by the IRO were discussed in the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 01: Diversion of 4.80 ha of forest Land for construction of Bhyundar motor road from Govindghat-Pulna motor road KM-6 in favour of PWD, within the jurisdiction of Nandadevi National Park Division, Joshimath, District Chamoli, Uttarakhand. (FP/UK/ROAD/402379/2022)

The proposal was discussed in detail with the project proponent. Certain observations regarding the proposal have been made vide EDS dated 16.03.2023 and a reply to which is still awaited. In the meeting, the KML files of both the proposal were super imposed on each other and it was observed that the alignment of the proposed road passes beneath the alignment of the ropeway proposed vide the FC proposal No. FP/UK/OTHERS/155062/2022.

After the discussion, it was decided that the State Government would be requested to submit the information/ documents/ clarification/ justification on the following points:-

1. State Government is required to provide reply to the EDS letter dt. 16.03.2023.
2. CA area has been selected in degraded forest land. However, the CA area is required to be selected in non-forest land or civil & soyam land and related documents i.e. KML file, maps, CA scheme are required to be submitted accordingly.

Agenda Item No. 02: Diversion of 1.296 ha of forest Land for construction of Kothiyalgaon to Lessa Bend via Paduli motor road (under CM Announcement no-762/2017) in favour of PWD, within the jurisdiction of Kedarnath Wild Life Division, Gopeshwar, District Chamoli, Uttarakhand. (FP/UK/ROAD/143427/2021).

The proposal was discussed in detail with the user agency and the concerned DFO. It was observed from the KML file of the proposed road that the village Leesa is already on an existing road. The DFO informed that he had visited the area and noticed that almost half of the village is already on the existing road but some villagers are away from the road and they have to travel vertical height of 100—150 meter to reach the existing road. It was also noticed that the road is proposed beyond the village further connecting another road thus resulting in fragmentation of dense forest area.

After detailed discussion it was decided to restrict the road upto village only and accordingly the user agency was directed to upload the revised KML file, land schedule, CA details, NPV sheet, bar chart, tree enumeration list etc. It was also decided that the forest department will make necessary corrections in forest area required at para 1, 2, 3 and 4 in part II.

Agenda Item No. 03: Diversion of 3.8385 ha of forest Land for construction of Odata to Saras Motor Road in Block Mori in favour of PMGSY, within the jurisdiction of Tons Forest Division, Purola, District Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand. (FP/UK/ROAD/34189/2018)

The proposal was discussed in the meeting with the concerned DFO and the project proponent. It was apprised that the Stage- I approval has already been granted to the proposal vide letter dt. 31.01.2020. It was also apprised that upon the perusal of KML file irregular muck dumping was noticed and regarding which information has been sought from the State Government vide letter dt. 11.09.2022. The DFO informed that the site has been visited by him along with the SDO and the irregular muck disposal observed in satellite imagery actually are landslides and the muck has been dumped in the dumping sites. The Project Proponent also informed that a proposal of protection work has been submitted. The satellite imagery was observed in depth and it was observed that the apparent irregular muck disposal may be in reality landslides triggered due to construction of road or it may actually be irregular muck dumping.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that:

1. DFO shall visit the muck dumping sites and verify if the muck dumping has been done properly at its designated places and also ascertain the reason for overflow of debris down the hill.
2. DFO shall calculate the area affected by overflow of debris and a rehabilitation plan using bio-engineering measures shall be submitted and amount required for the plan shall be deposited in CAMPA fund for further necessary action in the proposal.

Agenda Item No. 04: Diversion of 3.708 ha of forest Land for construction of Dhautigad Panchgav Syura Link Motor Road (length 6.00KM) in favour of PWD, within the jurisdiction of Almora Forest Division, District Almora, Uttarakhand. (FP/UK/ROAD/44176/2020)

The proposal was discussed in detail with the Project Proponent and the concerned DFO. It was apprised that the Stage I approval had already been granted in the proposal vide letter dt. 28.12.2020 with the permission felling of not more than 306 trees. The KML file was seen in the meeting and it was noticed that all the three villages that are proposed to be benefitted with the proposed road are already connected with existing road

network. The details of the connectivity of the beneficiary villages as per the KML is as follows:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Village	Road Network Connectivity	Period from which connectivity is observed as seen from the satellite imagery (MM/YYYY)
01	Panchgaon	Yes	Visible since 01/2019
02	Syura	Yes	Not visible in 10/2021 but visible in 06/2022
03	Barsimi	Yes	Visible since 01/2019

The project proponent also informed that the tree felling has been already done. They further elaborated that the village 'Barsimi' is connected through the PMGSY road so the requirement of the road is upto village 'Syura' only, because village 'Syura' is not connected by certified road. Presently, the road seen upto village 'Syura' is 3-4 m path created by villagers to meet their demand over private land.

After a detailed discussion, it was decided that considering the facts mentioned above the DFO is requested to visit the site and submit the detailed report regarding: -

- i. Status of connectivity of the 3 villages.
- ii. Details of the already existing roads.
- iii. Status of tree felling.
- iv. In view of the existing connectivity, justification of additional connectivity.


Agenda Item No. 05: Diversion of 3.238 ha of forest land for construction of new motor road from Sungaon to Nahikalan in Doiwala in favour of PWD, within the jurisdiction of Dehradun Forest Division, District Dehradun, Uttarakhand. (FP/UK/ROAD/37612/2018)

The proposal was discussed in detail along with the concerned SDO. The user agency did not attend the meeting which shows their casual approach towards the proposal. It was noted that the proposal has been revised upto point No. 35 of the geo-referenced digital map as desired vide this office EDS letter dt. 21.12.2022 but no changes have been made in online Part I, II. It is noted that the total area has been reduced from earlier proposed 3.238 ha to 2.03 ha thereby reducing the number of trees proposed to be felled from 390 to 230.

After detailed discussion, the State Government and the Project Proponent were requested to upload the revised documents/ make necessary corrections in proposal as per the revised proposal in online Part I, II which are as follows:

1. KML file and maps of the proposed road are required to be revised and uploaded.
2. KML file, maps, CA scheme and CA site suitability certificate of revised CA area are required to be uploaded.
3. Revised NPV calculation sheet, land schedule, tree enumeration list etc required to be uploaded in part II (additional information documents).
4. Revised tree details are mentioned in Part II para 4 but it also includes trees in non-forest land. State Govt shall upload details of trees in forest area only i.e. 230 trees.
5. Area correction is required to be done in para 1,2,3 & 4 in Part II.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.


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