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To,

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Rev.),
Govt. of Uttarakhand, Dehradun

2. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer,
Forest Conservation,
Govt. of Uttarakhand,
Indira Nagar Forest Colony,
Dehradun.

Sub: Minutes of 78th meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of the Integrated Regional Office, Dehradun, MoEF & CC, Government of India- reg.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, this is to inform you that the Minutes of REC meeting held on 30th May, 2023 has been confirmed by the members of REC and enclosed herewith for circulation. The Nodal Office is requested to take action on the decisions taken in the REC meeting (Project wise) & ensure submission of compliance to this office for further necessary action.

This is for your information and further necessary action please.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

Gpnagwane 9/06/2023
(Gajendra Prakash Narwane)
AIGF-cum-Member Secretary, REC

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MINUTES OF 78th MEETING OF THE REGIONAL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE OF INTEGRATED REGIONAL OFFICE, DEHRADUN HELD ON 30 MAY, 2023

The 78th meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of the Integrated Regional Office, Dehradun was held on 30th May, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Shri. Pankaj Agrawal, IFS, Addl. PCCF, Integrated Regional Office, Dehradun to discuss the FCA proposals pertaining to the State of Uttarakhand.

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

S.No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Pankaj Agrawal, IFS, Addl. PCCF, Integrated Regional Office, Dehradun.	Chairman
2.	Dr. R. S. Bisht, Retd. IFS	Non-official Member (Through Video Conferencing)
3.	Prof. S. D. Bhardwaj	Non-official Member (Through Video Conferencing)
4.	Shri. Gajendra Prakash Narwane, IFS, AIGF, Integrated Regional Office, Dehradun.	Member Secretary
5.	Shri. S. S. Rasaily, IFS, APCCF-cum- Nodal Officer (UK)	Special Invitee (Through Video Conferencing)
6.	Representatives of the User Agencies and State Forest Department	

At the outset, the Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members present in the meeting or connected through Video-Conference.

Following proposal pertaining to the state of Uttarakhand were discussed in detail and the case wise decision taken by REC is as under:

Online No.: FP/UK/Road/151113/2022 **Agenda item 78. 1 (U. K.)**

8B/UCP/06/73/2022/FC:

Diversion of 22.112 ha of forest land for upgradation of existing road to 2 lane configuration of Rameswer-Gangolighat Berinag Chaukori Kanda Bageswer Takula Almora section of NH-309A from km 133.00 to km170.00(Length 37.00KM) in favour of PWD Ranikhet, within the jurisdiction of Bageshwar Forest Division, District Bageshwar, Uttarakhand (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/Road/151113/2022)

The details of the proposal are as under:

1. The proposal has been signed and recommended by the all concerned authorities in the part I, II, III, IV & V. In part II, III, IV and V of the proposal, **no specific** comments have been recorded by the concernedauthorities.
2. As per site inspection report of the concerned DCF having territorial jurisdiction on proposed forest landviolation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 **is not reported.**

3. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patch is **not part** of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Reserve, Wildlife Migration Corridor etc.The proposed area also **does not fall** within eco-sensitive zone of any protected area.

4. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patches are **not located** in the area having protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument.

5. Rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna is not found in the area.

6. The justification for the requirement of forest land and for locating the project in forest area has been provided.

7. The detail of forest area and number of trees, NPV and compensatory afforestation is as under:

Area and Trees Details

Sl. No	Administrative Unit	Area proposed for diversion				Details of tree proposed for felling	
	Forest Division/ District	Civil Soyam land (ha.)	Village Forest area (ha.)	Reserve Forest area (ha.)	Total Area (ha.)	Crown density/ EcoClass of forest land	No. of plants required to be felled (As per Part-II)
1.	Bageshwar Forest Division	2.632	9.723	9.757	22.112	0.4, V	6596 trees including 1201 saplings are proposed to be affected (submitted at pg. 122)
Total:		**2.632**	**9.723**	**9.757**	**22.112**		

Net Present Value

Sl. No.	Name of Forest Division	ForestArea (in ha.)	NPV Rate (in Rs per ha)	Crown Density	Eco-Class	Total (Rs.)
1.	Tarai East, Haldwani Forest Division	22.112	12,92,855/-	0.4	V	2,85,87,499/-
Total:-						2,85,87,499/-
Rupees Two Crore Eighty-five lakh Eighty-seven thousand Four Hundred Ninety-nine only)						

Compensatory Afforestation

Sl. No.	Details of CA	Area proposed for CA (in ha)	Name of Forest Division	Total FinancialOutlay for CAScheme (Rs.)
1.	Haldwani 02, Dharamgarh Range	10	Bageshwar Forest Division	1,64,02,770/-
2.	Paisiya 01, Dharamgarh Range	6.224	Bageshwar Forest Division	
3.	Palari 08, Bageshwar Range	13	Bageshwar Forest Division	
4.	Pandarpali 01, Bageshwar Range	15	Bageshwar Forest Division	
Total:		**44.224**		**1,64,02,770/-**
(Rupees One Crore Sixty-Four Lakhs Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy only.)				

8. The certificate of District Magistrate w.r.t Forest Right Act, 2006 is provided in the proposal.
9. As per GIS-DSS analysis the area proposed for diversion is 22.112 ha and the net suitable area for CA is 44.45 ha.
10. The details of employment generation through the proposal – Regular-0, Temparory-118400-man days.
11. The cost benefit analysis is required.
12. The proposal was discussed in the REC meeting held on 24-02-2023 and due to the absence of the concerned DFO and the Project Authorities the committee decided to defer the proposal and the clarifications documents/ information were sought on three points. The reply from the APCCF cum Nodal Officer, U.K. has been submitted vide letter dt. 21.04.2023, details are given as under:

Sl.No.	Information sought	Reply
1.	The project cost may be verified by the State Govt. /User Agency.	CF has been inform that the sanction civil construction cost is Rs. 347.33cr. Attested copy of the project sanction awarded by Ministry of road Transport and Highway Government of India is attached herewith.
2.	The DFO is required to submit the clarification/document regarding the requirement of Wildlife Management Plan and Soil Moisture Conservation Plan. The concerned plan should be as per the prevailing guideline.	CF has been informed that the proposed project envisages upgradation of Bageshwar Takula- Almora section of NH309A to 2 lane configuration. The project will invariably lead to increase in vehicular traffic and vehicle speed as mentioned by project proponent in the justification of the need of the present project. This would have direct impact of wild animals in form of increased wildlife accidents, habitat degradation during construction, obstruction to wildlife movement etc. Obstruction to wildlife movement leads to them venturing into human habitation which leads to increase in crop loss, livestock depredation, and human injury/casualty. The proposed project lies in the Bageshwar Range. As per the data compiled of Human Wildlife Conflict incidents of division Bageshwar range is hotspot of Human Wildlife Conflict. Therefore, wildlife mitigation plan has been prepared as per the "Eco friendly

Sl.No.	Information sought	Reply
		measures to mitigate impacts of linear infrastructure on wildlife" guidelines prepared by Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun adopted to the site-specific condition of the proposed road. Springs are the primary source of water for fulfilling requirements related to drinking, household activities and irrigation in many households in the Uttarakhand. The profound dependence of hill communities on springs makes their conservation and rejuvenation a basic facet water security. Construction/Upgradation of road adversely affects the existing watershed and springs. This is negative consequence on water security of the area. Soil and Moisture conservation mitigates the negative effect on road construction on the villages falling in watershed of the road. Three micro wateshed namely Beghar, Bhatkhola, Kunkhet and 18 Naula and 17 Dhara along the road have been identified for treatment. An integrated micro watershed treatment approach has been used for treatment instead of standalone plan. MOEFCC vide its letter no. FC-11/43/2021-FC Dated: 7th June, 2022 has issued guidelines for "Charging of an lump sum amount of the project cost towards the cost of implementation of the Wildlife Management Plan and lump sum amount of the project cost towards the cost of implementation of Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan - reg". Effort has been made to follow above guidelines.
3	If the project is a bypass of 'Chardham Pariyojna' and of strategic importance then sufficient documentary proof in this regard is required to submitted.	CF has been inform that the project is a feeder route to NH- 87 Ext.(New-109) (Joyolikot- Almora-Dwarahat-Chaukhutiya- Gairsain-Karanprayag) & NH-109k (Bageshwar-Bajnath-Gwaldam-Tharali-Simli) which is further connect to Chardham yatra locations. Tourists and localite of Bageshwar Pithoragarh districts will be benifited from this. This route is a feeder link route that connects NH- 309(Tanakpur-

Sl.No.	Information sought	Reply
		Pithoragarh-Askot) at Ghat (Pithoragarh) which is strategic route connecting to Indo- China Border. (Copy of Minuted of Standing finance committee (SFC) for 2-Lane widening of NH-309A is attached with reply.)

13. It wass decided to discuss the proposal before the REC as it was not clear if the road is strategic road or not. In this regard an observation on few points was also conveyed to the State Government vide this office letter dt. 24.05.2023 which is as under:
    i. The State Government to provide adequate documentation proving that the by-pass itself is a strategic route.
    ii. The State Government is requested to present the wildlife management plant in the meeting.
    iii. It is also requested to inform that whether the proposed work falls within the purview of Oversight Committee or not.

Discussion:-

The proposal was discussed in detail with the Committee and all the points raised vide the letter dated 24.05.2023 of IRO Dehradun were clarified by the concerned DFO along with the representatives of the UA. It has been informed that the proposed road is a feeder road to the road connecting China border and it is of strategic importance. It has also been clarified that this road is beyond the mandate of the Oversight Committee, constituted for "Char Dham Pariyojna" by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Further the wildlife Management Plan has also been discussed in detail before the Committee.

Decision of REC:

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in-principle approval for diversion of forest land with following additional condition:

1. **The State Govt shall ensure that the Wildlife Management Plan is in accordance with the guidelines of the MoEF&CC dt. 16.01.2022 and is in consonance with the bio-engineering measures suggested by Wildlife Institute of India in order to mitigate the impact of the linear infrastructure project on wildlife. The Project Proponent shall submit an undertaking to deposit requisite amount for the implementation of the Wildlife Management Plan.**

8B/UCP/06/73/2022/FC:

Diversion of 12.33 ha of forest land for Road Construction Work in Haldwani Bypass Road To Halduchor Indian Oil Depot in Lalkuan Constituency Distt Nainital Under C.M. Announcement No. 310/2013 in favour of PWD Haldwani, within the jurisdiction of Tarai East Forest Division, Haldwani, District Nainital, Uttarakhand (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/Road/29571/2017)

The details of the proposal are as under:

1. The proposal has been signed and recommended by the all concerned authorities in the part I, II, III, IV & V. In part II, III, IV and V of the proposal, **no specific** comments have been recorded by the concernedauthorities.
2. As per site inspection report of the concerned DCF having territorial jurisdiction on proposed forest landviolation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 **is not reported.**
3. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patch is **part of Shivalik Elephant Reserve** , Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Reserve, Wildlife Migration Corridor etc, the proposed area **falls in Gaula Elephant corridor** within eco-sensitive zone of protected area.
4. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patches are **not located** in the area having protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument.
5. Rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna is not found in the area.
6. The justification for the requirement of forest land and for locating the project in forest area has been provided .
7. The detail of forest area and number of trees, NPV and compensatory afforestation is as under:

Area and Trees Details

Sl. No	Administrative Unit	Area proposed for diversion				Details of tree proposed for felling	
	Forest Division/ District	Civil Soyam land (ha.)	Village Forest area (ha.)	Reserve Forest area (ha.)	Total Area (ha.)	Crown density/ EcoClass of forest land	No. of plants required to be felled (As per Part-II)
1.	Tarai East Forest Division, Haldwani	12.33	-	-	12.33	0-0.10, III	446 including 257 saplings
Total:		**12.33**	-	-	**12.33**		446 including 257 saplings

Net Present Value

Sl. No.	Name of Forest Division	Forest Area (in ha.)	NPV Rate (in Rs per ha)	Crown Density	Eco-Class	Total (Rs.)
1.	Tarai East Forest Division, Haldwani	12.33	1436670/-	**0-0.10**	I	1,77,14,141/-
Total:-						1,77,14,141/-
Rupees One Crore seventy seven lakh fourteen lakh one hundred forty one only						

Compensatory Afforestation

Sl. No.	Details of CA	CA proposed area (in ha)	Name of Forest Division	Total Financial Outlay for CA Scheme (Rs.)
1.	Babiyad Civil & Soyam Land Khasra no. 3007, 4061, 4062 Nainital Forest Division	24.66 ha	Tarai East Forest Division, Haldwani	81,14,957/-
Total:		**24.66 ha**		81,14,957/-
(Rupees Eighty one lakh Fourteen thousand Nine hundred fifty seven only.)				

8. The certificate of District Magistrate w.r.t Forest Right Act, 2006 is provided in the proposal.
9. As per GIS-DSS analysis the area proposed for diversion is 12.33 ha and the net suitable area for CA is 24.66 ha.
10. The details of employment generation through the proposal – Regular-0 Temparory-62470 man days.
11. The cost benefit analysis is required.
12. The proposal was discussed in the REC meeting held on 24-02-2023 wherein the REC decided to seek necessary clarifications / documents on two points, details are as under:-

Sl.No.	Information sought	Reply
1.	The revised list of tree enumeration (446 trees) shall be provided and necessary changes be made at suitable places on the online portal.	वन संरक्षक के उपरोक्त पत्र के माध्यम से अवगत कराया गया है। मौके पर स्थित वृक्षों का मिलान किया गया। मिलान करने पर मौके पर स्थित वृक्ष पूर्व सूची के अनुसार ही पाये गये। साथ ही यह भी अवगत कराया गया है कि परिवेश पोर्टल में भाग-2 के पैरा 4 के (ii) में वृक्षों को तद्नुसार अंकित कर दिया गया है। प्रभावित वृक्षों की सूची इस कार्यालय को करायी गयी है, जिसकी प्रति संलग्न कर प्रेषित की जा रहा है।

Sl.No.	Information sought	Reply
2.	The revised sheet of NPV calculation shall be submitted.	वन संरक्षक के उपरोक्त पत्र के माध्यम NPV की वर्तमान दरों के अनुसार संशोधित प्रपत्र / प्रमाण पत्र इस कार्यालय को प्रेषित किया गया है, जिसकी प्रति संलग्न कर प्रेषित किया जा रहा है।

13. It was decided to place the proposal before REC for discussion.

Discussion:-

The proposal was discussed with the representative of the concerned DFO. It was noted that the proposal was discussed in the REC meeting held on 24.02.2023 wherein the information was sought on two points. In the meeting, reply submitted by the State Government was reviewed and was found to be satisfactory.

Decision of REC:

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in-principle approval for diversion of forest land.

Online No.: FP/UK/ROAD/41672/2019 **Agenda item 78. 3 (U. K.)**

8B/UCP/06/16/2020/FC:

Diversion of 9.14 ha of forest land for construction of Taknagunth to Dandamalla Motor Road (total length 16.00 KM) in favour of PMGSY, within the jurisdiction of Haldwani Forest Division, District Champawat, Uttarakhand. (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/ROAD/41672/2019)

The details of the proposal are as under:

1. The proposal has been signed and recommended by the all concerned authorities in the part I, II, III, IV & V. In part II, III, IV and V of the proposal, **no specific** comments have been recorded by the concernedauthorities.

2. As per site inspection report of the concerned DCF having territorial jurisdiction on proposed forest landviolation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 **is not reported.** Stage-I approval has been accorded in the proposal vide letter dt. 23.10.2020 and there is violation of condition No. 16 and 20 of the in-principle approval. Penal NPV has been charged as per the guidelines para 1.21(iii) for deviated area of 0.0056 hectare.

3. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patch is **not part** of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Reserve, Wildlife Migration Corridor etc.The proposed area also **does not fall** within eco-sensitive zone of any protected area.

4. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patches are **not located** in the area having protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important

monument.

5. Rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna is not found in the area.
6. The justification for the requirement of forest land and for locating the project in forest area has been provided .
7. The detail of forest area and number of trees, NPV and compensatory afforestation is as under:

Area and Trees Details

Sl. No	Administrative Unit	Area proposed for diversion				Details of tree proposed for felling	
	Forest Division/ District	Civil Soyam land (ha.)	Village Forest area (ha.)	Reserve Forest area (ha.)	Total Area (ha.)	Crown density/ EcoClass of forest land	No. of plants required to be felled (As per Part-II)
1.	Haldwani Forest Division	5.2	-	3.94	9.14	0.4-0.72, V	827 trees including 227 saplings are proposed to be affected (submitted at pg. 342-343)
Total:		**5.2**	**-**	**3.94**	**9.14**		

Net Present Value

Sl. No.	Name of Forest Division	ForestArea (in ha.)	NPV Rate (in Rs per ha)	Crown Density	Eco-Class	Total (Rs.)
1.	Haldwani Forest Division	RF land- 3.94 ha	9.39 lakh	0.72	V	36,99,660
		Civil Soyam Land -5.20 ha	6.57 lakh	0.4	V	34,16,400
Total:-						71,16,060/-
Rupees Seventy one lakh sixteen thousand sixty only						

Penal Net Present Value

Sl. No.	Name of Forest Division	Area (in ha.)	NPV Rate (in Rs per ha)	Eco-Class	Total (Rs.)
1.	Haldwani Forest Division (pg. no. 370)	0.0541 (Deviated area)	14,36,670/-	V	1436670 x 0.0541 x 2 = 1,55,447.69 1,55,447.69 x 20% = **31,090/-**
Rupees Thirty-one thousand ninety only					

Compensatory Afforestation

Sl. No.	Details of CA	Area proposed for CA (in ha)	Name of Forest Division	Total FinancialOutlay for CAScheme (Rs.)
1.	Dungarbaku Forest Block, Lohaghat Range, Comptt. No. 21	10	Champawat Forest Division	61,63,724/-
Total:		**18.28**		**61,63,724/-**
(Rupees Sixty one Lakhs Sixty three thousand seven hundred twenty four only.)				

8. The certificate of District Magistrate w.r.t Forest Right Act, 2006 is provided in the proposal.
9. As per GIS-DSS analysis the area proposed for diversion is 9.14 ha and the net suitable area for CA is 18.28 ha.
10. The details of employment generation through the proposal – Regular-0 Temparory-35000 man days.
11. The cost benefit analysis is required.
12. In-principle approval has already been accorded in the proposal vide letter dt. 28/10/2020 after discussing the proposal in the REC meeting dt. 23/10/2020. But since the violation of the condition No. 16 and 20 of the in-principle approval has been reported, necessary action as per guideline para 1.21 (iii) was sought.
13. Later, the case was discussed in the in the REC meeting held on 29-06-2022 and proposal was sent to the ministry for further necessary action/ direction. The REC had decided to withdraw the revocation of stage I approval subject to certain conditions which involved imposition of penal NPV; correction of the KML file; legal action as per IFA 1927; disciplinary action was required to be taken against the concerned authority and issuance of advisory by the HoFF to ensure that no work be carried out before issuance of Stage I permission and proper working order.

    Vide letter dated 4.8.2022 the compliance on the conditions imposed by the REC was attended by the State Govt satisfactorily. Regarding point 5 of action under the provision of IFA 1927, CCF (Kumaon) elaborated the action taken report which seems satisfactory. Regarding advisory to be issued by the HoFF, State Govt has stated that the advisory has been issued vide letter 2.4.2023 to ensure the compliance of all norms and guidelines under the provisions of FCA 1980.
14. The last observation made by this office vide EDS letter dt. 05.12.2022 and reply submitted by the State Government vide letter dt. 15.05.2023 is as under:

Query raised by this office:
उपरोक्त विषय पर सन्दर्भित पत्र का आशय ग्रहण करते हुए मुझे आपको यह सूचित करने का निर्देश हुआ है कि उपरोक्त प्रस्ताव पर सैद्धान्तिक स्वीकृति उपरांत समरेखण में परिवर्तन एवं और पेड़ो का कटान बिना working order के करने के बाबत् violation पाया गया था, जिसके बाबत् इस कार्यालय के समसंख्यक ई.डी.एस. दिनांक 24.06.2022 द्वारा राज्य सरकार से बिना अनुमति के change of alignment करने एवं प्रस्ताव में सैद्धान्तिक स्वीकृति में उल्लेखित शर्त सं0 16 एवं 20 के उल्लंघन हेतु कार्यवाही करने हेतु अनुरोध किया गया था तथा प्रस्ताव पर आर.ई.सी. की बैठक दिनांक 29.06. 2022 में चर्चा उपरान्त अग्रिम निर्णय हेतु भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन, नई दिल्ली को भेजा गया था। साथ ही राज्य सरकार को इस कार्यालय के समसंख्यक पत्र दिनांक 06.09.2022 द्वारा यह भी निर्देशित किया गया था कि राज्य सरकार संबंधित अधिकारियों के खिलाफ की गई कार्यवाही के संबंध में एवं गाईडलाईन पैरा 11.2 of handbook के अनुसार linear प्रस्तावों में सैद्धान्तिक

स्वीकृति के बाद वृक्षों को काटने और कार्य आरम्भ करने के लिये कार्य आदेश जारी करने को सुनिश्चित करने के लिये PCCF (HoFF) द्वारा जारी की गई advisory का सम्पूर्ण विवरण इस कार्यालय में प्रेषित करे। प्रस्ताव पर भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन, नई दिल्ली द्वारा प्रस्ताव को इस आशय के साथ वापस किया गया है कि अमुख प्रस्ताव को पुनः आर.ई.सी. में चर्चा के उपरान्त आर.ई.सी. अपनी स्पष्ट recommendation के साथ प्रस्ताव को प्रस्तुत करें। अतः आपसे अनुरोध है कि इस कार्यालय के पत्र दिनांक 24.06.2022, 06.09.2022 एवं आर.ई.सी. के मिन्ट्स दिनांक 29.06.2022 में उल्लेखित बिन्दुओं की जानकारी एवं यथानुसार उचित कार्यवाही कर इस कार्यालय को सूचित करे ताकि प्रस्ताव को पुनः नई दिल्ली अग्रिम अनुमति हेतु प्रस्तुत किया जा सके।
Reply submitted by the State Government:
कृपया भारत सरकार के उपर्युक्त विषयक पत्र का सन्दर्भ ग्रहण करने का कष्ट करे जिसके द्वारा विषयांकित वन भूमि प्रत्यावर्तन प्रकरण पर कतिपय बिन्दुओं पर सूचना चाही गयी थी। उक्त के अनुपालन में मुख्य वन संरक्षक, कुमाऊँ उत्तराखण्ड, नैनीताल के पत्रांक 1954/12–1 दिनांक 28–06–2022 द्वारा सूचना / आख्या एवं प्रमुख यन संरक्षक (HoFF), उत्तराखण्ड देहरादून के पत्रांक ख– 882/ 12–1 दिनांक 21–04–2022 द्वारा सैद्धान्तिक स्वीकृति के उपरान्त वृक्षों के पातन एवं कार्य आरम्भ करने से सम्बन्धित जारी advisory की प्रति प्रकरण पर अग्रेतर कार्यवाही हेतु संलग्न कर प्रेषित की गई रही है। अंतः मुख्य वन संरक्षक, कुमाऊँ, नैनीताल द्वारा प्रेषित प्रतिउत्तर के क्रम में वन संरक्षण अधिनियम, 1960 के अन्तर्गत कार्यवाही करने पर विचार करने का कष्ट करें।

15. It was decided to discuss the proposal before the REC.

Discussion:-

The proposal was discussed in detail with the concerned DFO and the representatives of the Project Proponent. The committee was informed that the case has already been discussed in the REC meeting held on 29-06-2022 in which the REC decided to withdraw the revocation of Stage I approval, subject to submission of certain documents/clarifications regarding i) calculation of NPV; ii) correction of KML file; iii) Legal action as per IFA 1927; iv) disciplinary action against the concerned and v) issuance of advisory by the HoFF to ensure that no work be carried out before issuance of Stage I approval and proper working order by the competent authority.

The proposal was sent to the Ministry for further necessary action/direction. The proposal was returned by the Ministry with a direction to get the proposal deliberated by the REC in the light of replies submitted by the State Govt and submit clear recommendation on the proposal and the details of action taken for the violation of the act. The committee was apprised that the guidelines have been subsequently modified by the MoEFCC and in view of guideline dated 16.01.2023, the cases in which violation are reported after Stage I approval need not to be forwarded to the Ministry for decision.

The point wise discussion was made on the reply submitted by the State Govt and it was found to be satisfactory. The requisite action has already been taken under the provisions of IFA 1927 by the

State Govt and a detailed action taken report has been submitted by the CCF (Kumaon) in this regard to the committee. The advisory has also been issued by the HoFF vide letter dated 21.04.2023. The action taken by the State Govt under the provision of IFA 1927 was found to be satisfactory. On the issue of penalizing project proponent for uprooting trees in the violated area, the committee members were of the opinion that action should be taken against the User Agency as well as the Forest Corporation for damaging and uprooting 37 trees.

It was also taken into consideration that the details of Penal NPV as per the guidelines para 1.21 (iii) on the deviated area (0.0056 ha) and on the area over which work has been already carried out (upto 8.615 Km) without the issuance of the working permission by the competent authority has been provided by the State Govt. Since the construction of the road has been already delayed due to delay in action, it was requested by the State Government that it may be allowed to issue a working order till the revised conditions are fulfilled and duly approved.

Decision of REC:

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, and taking into consideration the following compliances:

1. **Penal NPV on the deviated area (0.0056 ha) and the area in which work was done without issuing working order from the level of DFO (area upto 8.615 Km) was imposed. The calculation of the Penal NPV has been provided.**
2. **With respect to the disciplinary action that should be taken against the responsible staff for their negligence and dereliction of duty. The details of the show cause notices issued by the disciplinary authority have been provided. Compliance has been made.**
3. **Compliance has been made to the observation of the REC that the HoFF may issue necessary Advisory to all the concerned officers to ensure the issuance of the working order for tree cutting and commencement of work after the grant of Stage I approval. Necessary advisory has been issued by the HoFF, Uttarakhand State.**

The REC decided that the Stage-I withdrawal may be revoked as per the request of State Government to that the concerned authority may issue the working order. However, the State Government is required to submit compliance / clarification/ document/ information on following points:

1. **Though partial compliance for damage and uprooting of 37 trees has been made by charging fine on the Forest Corporation for Rs. 858794/-, necessary action shall be taken against the Forest Corporation and the User Agency for damage and uprooting of 37 trees under the provisions of IFA, 1927.**

8B/UCP/10/24/2023/FC:

Diversion of 34.00 ha of Forest Land for construction of Integrated Check Post, Banbasa in favour of Land Port Authority of India, within the jurisdiction of Tarai East Forest Division, Haldwani, District Champawat, Uttarakhand. (FP/UK/DEF/404785/2022)

The details of the proposal are as under:

1. The proposal has been signed and recommended by the all concerned authorities in the part I, II, III, IV & V. In part II, III, IV and V of the proposal, **no specific** comments have been recorded by the concernedauthorities.
2. As per site inspection report of the concerned DCF having territorial jurisdiction on proposed forest landviolation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 **is not reported.**
3. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patch is **not part** of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Reserve, Wildlife Migration Corridor etc.The proposed area also **does not fall** within eco-sensitive zone of any protected area.
4. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patches are **not located** in the area having protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument.
5. Rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna is not found in the area.
6. The justification for the requirement of forest land and for locating the project in forest area has been provided .
7. The detail of forest area and number of trees, NPV and compensatory afforestation is as under:

Area and Trees Details

Sl. No	Administrative Unit	Area proposed for diversion				Details of tree proposed for felling	
	Forest Division/ District	Civil Soyam land (ha.)	Village Forest area (ha.)	Reserve Forest area (ha.)	Total Area (ha.)	Crown density/ EcoClass of forest land	No. of plants required to be felled (As per Part-II)
1.	Tarai East Forest Division	-	-	34	-	0.5-0.6, I	5112 trees including 1196 saplings are proposed to be affected (submitted at pg. 40)
Total:		-	-	**34**	-		**5112 trees including 1196 saplings**

Net Present Value

Sl. No.	Name of Forest Division	ForestArea (in ha.)	NPV Rate (in Rs per ha)	Crown Density	Eco-Class	Total (Rs.)
1.	Tarai East Forest Division, Haldwani	34	14,36,670/-	0.5-0.6	I	4,88,46,780/-
Total: -						4,88,46,780/-
Rupees Four Crore Eighty-eight lakh forty-six thousand seven hundred eighty only						

Compensatory Afforestation

Sl. No.	Details of CA	Area proposed for CA (in ha)	Name of Forest Division	Total FinancialOutlay for CAScheme (Rs.)
1.	Dhundasir Comptt. No. 5A	10	Narendranagar Forest Division, Muni ki reti	1,38,71,728/-
2.	Santa Comptt. No. 1A	10	Narendranagar Forest Division, Muni ki reti	
3.	Badiyar garh Comptt No. 9	14	Narendranagar Forest Division, Muni ki reti	
	Total:	**34.00**		**1,38,71,728/-**
(Rupees One Crore Thirty eight Lakhs Seventy one thousand Seven Hundred twenty eight only.)				

8. The certificate of District Magistrate w.r.t Forest Right Act, 2006 is provided in the proposal.
9. As per GIS-DSS analysis the area proposed for diversion is 34 ha and 21 ha found in MDF out of 34 ha are proposed for CA.
10. Since the proposal is not uploaded online employment generation detailed cannot be traced from the hard copy.
11. The cost benefit analysis is required.
12. Observation raised by this office vide letter dt. 31.03.2023 is as follows:
    i. The proposal is a non site-specific activity, and the State Government is requested to formulate it in accordance with the guidelines dated 24-01-2022 (copy enclosed) regarding non site-specific proposals.
    ii. The proposal lacks a detailed component-wise breakup and clear layout plan that shows the area and dimensions of each component. The State Government is requested to submit the detailed component-wise breakup and layout plan of the proposal.
    iii. The copy of the administrative approval mentions that 30 acres (approx. 12 hectares) of land is required in Banbasa for the establishment of an Integrated Check Post (ICP). Three alternative sites were identified, and the site is to be finalized in consultation with the Government of Nepal. However, no documents/copy of consultations have been furnished with the proposal, which is required.
    iv. After examining the proposal, it is unclear whether the selected area for the proposal is the least as per the requirement. If so, the State Government may submit the information/document/norms/guidelines of the Government of India for the minimum area requirement for the establishment of ICP. Furthermore, the proposal includes a residential component as well as some components of future parking, which are generally not accepted in reserve forests. This should also be justified in view of the norms of the Government of India for the establishment of ICPs.
    v. The proposal involves the enumeration of 5112 trees, and it has been mentioned that out of the 34-hectare area, around 17 hectares are open for various activities that may not require felling. The State Government is requested to clearly mention trees to be felled and those that are not to be felled.
    vi. According to the FC Rules 2022, new proposals can only be submitted to the REC after scrutiny in the Project Screening Committee (PSC). Therefore, the State Government is requested to discuss this proposal in the PSC and complete the process mentioned under

FC Rule 2022 with the necessary recommendations before submitting the proposal to the IRO for further decision.

vii. The State Government is requested to submit the measures taken to ensure that the stream flowing through the proposed area is not damaged.

viii. The proposal has not been uploaded online on PARIVESH portal. The State Government is requested to upload the proposal on PARIVESH portal.

13. The proposal was discussed in the FRCM held on 03-05-2023 and the State Government would be requested to submit the information/ documents/ clarification/ justification on the few points reply to which has been submitted vide letter dt. 16.05.2023. The details are as under:

Sl.No.	Information sought	Reply
1.	It is requested to submit certificate of competent authority justifying (with valid technical reasons) that the proposal is site-specific activity and prove the inescapability of proposing the project on forest land.	The Proposal for construction of Land Port at Banbasa is a Site-Specific activity. Please refer the following facts: 1. MEA letter no. E-II/415/1/2015 dated 08th July 2020 (Refer 1) informed that the Nepalese authorities, Vide Ministry of Foreign Affairs letter No. SA-1/63-73/12026 dated 2 July 2020, shared the coordinates of the identified location for ICD Dodhara Chandani and accordingly developing 800 mt long Mahankali River Bridge along with approach road for East-West Highway (Mahendra Raj Marg). 2. MORT&H vide letter no. RW/NH-24036/28/2020-BP&SP dated 21.09.2020 (Copy Enclosed, Refer 2) has granted in-principal approval for development of Access Road/ bridge connectivity between NH-09 in Uttarakhand and four lane Mahakali Bridge at Kanchanpur. In this regard, NHAI has taken up the development/construction of Road/bridge connectivity. 3. Reference, the First meeting of the Coordination committee for discussion on ICP/ICD Dodhara-Chandani development as communicated vide MEA letter no. E-II/108/01/2018-Vol-II dated 08th Sept 2021 (Copy enclosed, refer 3). Further in joint inspection note, where Ministry of Industry, Commence and Supplies of GoN conveyed that it has identified the site near India-Nepal boundary pillar no. 801/1 and 801/2, which is mirroring the proposed ICP site by India at Banbasa for construction of ICP Dodhara-Chandani.

Sl.No.	Information sought	Reply
		4. MHA issued an order vide order no. 2/24/2021-BM-II/ICP dated 7th Dec 2021 & dated 1st Dec 2021 (Copy enclosed, Refer 4), for acquisition of Eighty Four Acres (34 Ha) of land in Village Banbasa, Tehsil-Poornagiri, District - Champawat in the State of Uttrakhand, proposed to be acquired for construction of critical border infrastructure project (ICP) which is the minimum area required for national security. Based on the above facts, the location of the ICP Banbasa was decided adjacent to Nepalese ICP Dodhara-Chandani and National Highway. Therefore, the site proposed for ICP Banbasa is very specific. It should be considered under 'site specific project'.
2.	It is requested to submit a detailed component-wise breakup, approved by the competent authority, with all the components and their area details, clearly depicted on layout plan, along with the dimensions of each component.	Layout of the proposed ICP is attached as Annexures-I along with the minimum Component wise breakup of the Land is attached as Annexure-II. This is a critical border infrastructure project related to the national security. Further, LPAI is restricted to share the minute details in the interest of national security.
3.	The copy of the administrative approval clearly mentioning the requirement of 34 hectares area for this proposal needs to be submitted.	Administrative approval has been accorded by MHA, vide order no. 2/24/2021-BM-II/ICP dated 7th Dec 2021 & 1st Dec 2021 (Copy enclosed, Refer 4), for acquisition of 34 ha land for ICP Banbasa, Uttarakhand. The land has been identified mirroring to ICP Dodhara-Chandani consultancy with the Government of Nepal. The Government of Nepal Vide Ministry Foreign Affairs letter No. SA-1/63-73/12026, shared the coordinates of the identified location for ICD Dodhara-Chandani and the joint inspection has been done by Indian and Nepalese authorities to ascertain ground position of the coordinates. (Refer Para 4 of MEA letter no. E-II/415/1/2015 dated 08th July 2020 (Refer 1) Attention to be drawn toward MHA order no. 2/24/2021-BM-II/ICP dated 7th Dec 2021 & 1st Dec 2021 (Copy enclosed, Refer 4), where MHA satisfied that the Eighty Four Acres (34 Ha) of land in Village Banbasa, Tehsil-Poornagiri, District-Champawat in the State of

Sl.No.	Information sought	Reply
		Uttarakhand, proposed to be acquired for construction of critical border infrastructure project (ICP) which is the minimum area required for national security.
4.	All other points of this office EDS dt. 31.03.20223 may also be incorporated in the reply.	Attached as Annexure with the reply.

14. The reply was examined and found that the proposal had National/Strategic importance. It was decided to discuss the proposal before the REC along with following observations:

i. It is requested to submit certificate of competent authority justifying (with valid technical reasons) that the proposal is site-specific activity and prove the inescapability of proposing the project on forest land.

ii. It is requested to submit a detailed component-wise breakup, approved by the competent authority, with all the components and their area details, clearly depicted on layout plan, along with the dimensions of each component.

iii. The copy of the administrative approval clearly mentioning the requirement of 34 hectares area for this proposal needs to be submitted.

iv. CA Area is submitted for 34 ha area only instead of 68 ha area. Further out this 34 ha area, 21 ha is in MDF. According to the FC Rule, 2022, CA is required to be submitted for double degraded forest land. While selecting the CA area, it is also required to be ensured that no VDF/ MDF is in the area.

Discussion:-

The REC discussed the proposal in the light of guidelines dt. 24.01.2022. The State Government has informed justification that since the Integrated Check Post in India needs to be a mirror image of the Integrated Check Post in Nepal, and since the Government of Nepal has already finalized the location of check post on its side, there is no other alternative than to consider the proposed site for the development of Integrated Check Post in India. Hence, the project may be considered as site specific.

Decision of REC:

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the member of the REC decided that the proposal seems, prima facie, to be a non-site-specific one. However, the State Government has strongly emphasized the strategic importance of the selected location and its dependence on the location selected for Integrated Check Post across the border by the Nepal Government. As there are no specific guidelines for deciding which proposals may be considered as site-specific, it was decided by the REC to recommend the proposal to the MoEFCC for taking further decision.

The REC also decided to request the State Government to provide 68 ha of degraded forest land for CA after ensuring that the CA land does not include any forest area classified as VDF or MDF.

8B/UCP/04/241/2016/FC:

Diversion of 17.784 ha of forest land for construction of LILO 220 KV Baram-Jauljivi Transmission line in favour of PTCUL within the jurisdiction of Pithoragarh Forest Division, District Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/TRANS/21263/2017)

The details of the proposal are as under:

1. The proposal has been signed and recommended by the all concerned authorities in the part I, II, III, IV & V. In part II, III, IV and V of the proposal, **no specific** comments have been recorded by the concernedauthorities.
2. As per site inspection report of the concerned DCF having territorial jurisdiction on proposed forest landviolation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 **is not reported.**
3. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patch is **not part** of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Reserve, Wildlife Migration Corridor etc.The proposed area also **does not fall** within eco-sensitive zone of any protected area.
4. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patches are **not located** in the area having protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument.
5. Rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna is not found in the area.
6. The justification for the requirement of forest land and for locating the project in forest area has been provided .
7. The detail of forest area and number of trees, NPV and compensatory afforestation is as under:

Area and Trees Details

Sl. No	Administrative Unit	Area proposed for diversion					Details of tree proposed for felling	
	Forest Division/ District	Civil Soyam land (ha.)	Village Forest area (ha.)	Reserve Forest area (ha.)	State Govt land	Total Area (ha.)	Crown density/ EcoClass of forest land	No. of plants requiredto be felled (As per Part-II)
1.	Pithoragarh Forest Division	0.133	3.287	-	8.538 + 5.826 (gair Majurba)	17.784	0.2, VI	399 trees are proposed to be affected in the proposal (final approval is accorded with permission of felling not more than 283 trees)
Total:		**0.133**	**3.287**	-	**14.364**	**17.784**		

Net Present Value

Sl. No.	Name of Forest Division	ForestArea (in ha.)	NPV Rate (in Rs per ha)	Crown Density	Eco-Class	Total (Rs.)
1.	Pithoragarh Forest Division	17.784	6,99,000/-	0.2	VI	1,24,31,016/-
Total: -						**1,24,31,016/-**
Rupees One Crore Twenty-four lakh Thirty-one thousand Four Sixteen only						

Compensatory Afforestation

Sl. No.	Details of CA	Area proposed for CA (in ha)	Name of Forest Division	Total FinancialOutlay for CAScheme (Rs.)
1.	Syakuri	31.456	Pithoragarh Forest Division	99,12,950/-
2.	Kanar	4.117		
Total:		**35.573**		**99,12,950/-**
Rupees Ninety Nine Lakhs Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty only.				

8. The certificate of District Magistrate w.r.t Forest Right Act, 2006 is provided in the proposal.
9. As per GIS-DSS analysis the area proposed for diversion is 17.784 ha and the net suitable area for CA is 35.573 ha.
10. The details of employment generation through the proposal – Regular-0; Temparory-12000-man days.
11. The cost benefit analysis is not required.
12. Final approval has already been accorded in the proposal vide this office letter dt. 07.08.2020. The State Government vide letter dt. 27.04.2023 has informed that due to some technical reasons and decision taken in the meeting of Board of Directors (BOD) the proposed alignment is need to deviate from the location of tower number 27 onwards. Instead of LILO of 220 KV D/C Dhauliganga-Pithoragarh line of PGCIL from diversion point at location 27, this is directly connected to 400 KV GIS substation of PGCIL at Jauljivi through 220 KV D/C line as per the direction from CEA.

    The work has been completed till the tower location of 27 but neither work is being carried out afterwards nor the felling done beyond the tower 27. The concerned DFO has given a certificate in this regard. All necessary documents have been provided by the State Govt for this change of alignment. After this change of alignment, the forest area of 4.3953 ha is going to be surrendered out of earlier approved 17.784 ha. which comprises enumeration of 153 trees which are no more required to be felled. In addition, due to change in alignment, additional area of 7.9975 ha is required which would involve of 134 trees. Therefore, the revised area for the project is now 21.3862 ha and the total felling reduced to 264 out of which

130 trees are already felled in the old approved alignment and 134 are required to be felled in new proposed alignment. The Row is taken as 35m which is as per the prescribed norms.

13. It was decided to discuss the proposal before the REC with following points regarding which an EDS had also been sent with a request to the concerned DFO and Project Proponent to represent the case before the REC:
    i. State Government is requested to submit the documentary evidence showing that the 4.3953 Ha of forest land has been surrendered by the User Agency to the Forest Department.
    ii. NPV for the newly required 7.9975 Ha as per the prevailing rates minus the NPV already paid for the area to be surrendered i.e 4.3953 Ha is required to be submitted.
    iii. Proposal for carrying out CA over an additional area of 7.2044 Ha with necessary documentation i.e identification of CA sites, CA scheme for 10 years, KML, digital maps, toposheet etc. is required to be submitted.
    iv. State Government is requested to submit the revised proposal with necessary corrections at all the required fields.

Discussion:-

The proposal was discussed with the concerned project proponent in detail. The committee noted that the proposal has already been granted final approval and due to some technical reasons, the diversion beyond tower number 27 needs to be deviated. The committee was also apprised that all the requisite documents/ corrections have been revised by the State Government and found satisfactory.

Decision of REC:

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to accord revised in-principle approval subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

1. **State Government shall submit NPV calculation sheet for newly proposed 7.9975 ha area as per new rates excluding the NPV already paid for surrendered area of 4.3953 ha.**
2. **State Government shall submit all necessary details of compensatory afforestation *viz.* name of site, area, year of plantation, status of plantation, etc.**
3. **State Government shall submit the details of additional CA area of 7.2044 ha with necessary documentation i.e identification of CA sites, CA scheme for 10 years, KML, digital maps, SoI toposheet, etc.**

8B/UCP/06/38/2022/FC:

Diversion of 31.962 ha (earlier proposed 32.553 ha) of forest Land for construction of Satpuli to Srinagar (National Highway-119) in favour of MoRTH within the jurisdiction of Garhwal Forest Division, District Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand. (FP/UK/ROAD/45296/2020)

The details of the proposal are as under:

1. The proposal has been signed and recommended by the all concerned authorities in the part I, II, III, IV & V. In part II, III, IV and V of the proposal, **no specific** comments have been recorded by the concernedauthorities.
2. As per site inspection report of the concerned DCF having territorial jurisdiction on proposed forest landviolation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 **is not reported.**
3. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patch is **not part** of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Reserve, Wildlife Migration Corridor etc.The proposed area also **does not fall** within eco-sensitive zone of any protected area.
4. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patches are **not located** in the area having protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument.
5. Rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna is not found in the area.
6. The justification for the requirement of forest land and for locating the project in forest area has been provided.
7. The detail of forest area and number of trees, NPV and compensatory afforestation is as under:

Area and Trees Details

Sl. No	Administrative Unit	Area proposed for diversion				Details of tree proposed for felling	
	Forest Division/ District	Civil Soyam land/ Revenue Forest (ha.)	Village Forest area (ha.)	Reserve Forest area (ha.)	Total Area (ha.)	Crown density/ EcoClass of forest land	No. of plants proposed to be affected (As per Part-II)
1.	Garhwal Forest Division, Pauri	28.035	0.151	4.367	32.553	0.4, V	2482 trees including 76 saplings are proposed to be affected
Total:		**28.035**	**0.151**	**4.367**	**32.553**		

Net Present Value

Sl. No.	Name of Forest Division	ForestArea (in ha.)	NPV Rate (in Rs per ha)	Crown Density	Eco-Class	Total (Rs.)
1.	Garhwal Forest Division, Pauri	32.553	12,92,850/-	0.4	V	4,20,86,146/-
Total:-						**4,20,86,146/-**
Rupees Four Crore Twenty lakh Eighty-six thousand one hundred Forty six only)						

Compensatory Afforestation

Sl. No.	Details of CA	Area proposed for CA (in ha)	Name of Forest Division	Total FinancialOutlay for CAScheme (Rs.)
1.	Chaidmunda C.No. 5, Diba Range	10.03	Garhwal Forest Division, Pauri	2,65,62,727/-
2.	Agswara C.No. 6	7		
3.	Agswara C.No. 7	3.01		
4.	Ameli IX	5.04		
5.	Ameli IX C. No. 22	5.01		
6.	Ganini III C.No. 9	5.04		
7.	Gabini III C.No. 9	5		
8.	Gwari C.no. 9	5.04		
9.	Ameli IV C. No.	5.02		
10.	Diva III C. No. 7	15.17		
Total:		**65.36**		**2,65,62,727/-**
(Rupees Two Crore Sixty-Five Lakhs Sixty-two Thousand Seven Hundred twenty seven only.)				

Additional 22.82 ha area for CA is provided in lieu of 17 ha area falling in VDF.

Sr. No.	Name of CA area	Area (in hectare)
1.	Advani C.No. 7	8.07
2.	Diba III C. No. 7	15
	Total	**22.82**

8. The certificate of District Magistrate w.r.t Forest Right Act, 2006 is provided in the proposal.
9. As per GIS-DSS analysis the area proposed for diversion is 31.962 ha. As per DSS analysis of 65.36 ha CA area, 17 ha comes in VDF and 16 ha comes in MDF. For area falling MDF, the DFO has inspected the area and for VDF area additional 22.82 ha area is provided. Out of this 22.82 ha area, 3 ha area is in MDF but since the total CA area now comes to 88.18 ha (which is more than double area diverted), the same is acceptable.
10. The details of employment generation through the proposal – Regular-0 Temparory-4500 man days.
11. The cost benefit analysis is required.
12. The proposal was discussed in the FRCM meeting held on 23-12-2022 wherein the clarifications documents/ information were sought on five points. The reply from the APCCF cum Nodal Officer, U.K. has been submitted vide letter dt.16.05.2023, details are given as under:

Sl.No.	Information sought	Reply
1	As per DSS analysis of new CA area, 17 ha is found to be VDF and 16 ha is found to be MDF. The DFO is required to submit a site inspection report of the MDF area clearly mentioning if the MDF area is suitable for plantation. The area falling in VDF shall be revised and details be submitted on the online portal.	वन संरक्षक, गढ़वाल वृत्त, उत्तराखण्ड, पौड़ी के उपरोक्त पत्र द्वारा अवगत कराया गया है कि (16.00 है० एम०डी०एफ० का अनुपालन) विषयगत प्रकरण के 16.00 हैक्टयर एम०डी०एफ० क्षेत्र का स्थलीय निरीक्षण किया। स्थलीय निरीक्षण के दौरान गबनी III क0सं0 9 में 5.04 है0 के सापेक्ष 1.00 है०, गवनी III क0सं0 9 में 5.00 हैक्टेयर, दीवा III क०स० 7 में 3.00 है0 तथा ग्वारी क०क्ष0 9 1.00 कुल 10.00 है० क्षेत्र 1100 पौधों के पौधारोपण हेतु उपयुक्त है। 17.00 है० वी०डी०एफ० का अनुपालन। 17.00 है० वी०डी०एफ० क्षेत्र के क्रम में अवगत कराना है कि पुनः आरक्षित अवनत वन भूमि में क्षेत्र का चयन कर क0सं0 7 में 8.00 है0 तथा दीवा III क0सं0 7 में 15.00 है0 इस प्रकार कुल 23.00 है० क्षेत्र क्षतिपूरक हेतु उपयुक्त पाया गया। उपयुक्त पाये गये 23.00 है० क्षेत्र के जियोरिफरेन्स मैप एवं डिजिटल मैप संलग्न कर प्रेषित किये जा रहे हैं।
2	Details of the 56.819 ha of non-forest land are uploaded in the field additional document in Part I. Same shall be filled in para B of part I by the User Agency.	वन संरक्षक, गढ़वाल वृत्त, उत्तराखण्ड, पौड़ी के उपरोक्त पत्र द्वारा अवगत कराया गया है कि प्रस्तावक पर आ रही तकनीकी कठिनाई के निराकरण हेतु NIC भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली को लिखा गया है।
3	Details of 76 saplings are required to be uploaded at para 4 in part II by the Forest Department.	वन संरक्षक, गढ़वाल वृत्त, उत्तराखण्ड, पौड़ी उपरोक्त पत्र द्वारा अवगत कराया गया है कि 76 Sapling की सूचना पार्ट -II के बिन्दु 4 के (ii) तथा Additional information details में भी अपलोड कर दिया गया है।
4	The DFO along with the User Agency shall visit the proposed muck dumping sites and shall review and minimize the area proposed for muck dumping. It shall be ensured that revenue lands / degraded forests with gentle slope are selected.	वन संरक्षक, गढ़वाल वृत्त, उत्तराखण्ड, पौड़ी के उपरोक्त पत्र द्वारा अवगत कराया गया है कि प्रभागीय वनाधिकारी द्वारा प्रस्तावक विभाग तथा वन क्षेत्राधिकारी, पौड़ी रेंज, नागदेव के साथ दिनांक 07. 01.2023 को प्रस्तावित मक डम्पिंग क्षेत्र का स्थलीय निरीक्षण किया गया है। पूर्व में प्रस्तावित मक डम्पिंग क्षेत्र को 7.92 है0 को न्यून करते हुये 7.329 है0 कर दिया गया है, जिसे प्रस्तावक विभाग द्वारा पार्ट -I के पैरा B-2.4 में ऑनलाईन संशोधित कर दिया गया है।

Sl.No.	Information sought	Reply
5	DFO shall submit the reclamation plan for the muck disposal area.	वन संरक्षक, गढ़वाल वृत्त, उत्तराखण्ड, पौड़ी के उपरोक्त पत्र द्वारा अवगत कराया गया है कि बिन्दु सं0-05 के अनुपालन में Reclamation Plan संलग्न कर प्रेषित किया जा रहा है।

13. It was decided to discuss the proposal before the REC with following points:

i. The details of additional 23 ha CA area will be uploaded online.
ii. As per MoRTH Order of 2018 & 2020, the user agency is required to justify the requirement of two-lane road.
iii. The reclamation plan is required to be submitted again.
iv. Out of 31.962 ha area, 7.329 ha is proposed for muck dumping in forest area. The user agency will justify the area proposed for muck dumping.

Discussion: -

The proposal was discussed in detail with the concerned project proponent. The committee was apprised that the proposal was discussed in the FRCM held on 23.12.2022 and information sought in the FRCM has been provided by the State Government. A point wise discussion was made on the points raised vide minutes of the FRCM. The committee noted that in the proposed road alignment forest area is interspersed with non-forest area. It was also noted that the proposal involves 31.962 Ha of forest land and 56.819 ha of non-forest land. It was also noted that out of the 31.962 ha of proposed forest area 7.329 ha is proposed for muck dumping which is very large and was not found to be justifiable by the committee. Further it was noticed that no non forest area is proposed for dumping.

Decision of REC:

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, it was decided that the State Government should submit compliance / clarification/ document/ information on following points:

1. **State Government shall ensure that the muck generated while construction of road in non-forest area shall not be dumped in the forest area. The details of the muck to be generated in the forest area and the non-forest area shall be provided.**
2. **State Government shall minimize the area proposed for muck dumping in forest land. Dumping sites shall be selected on priority in non-forest land only.**
3. **The State Government shall submit the details of the muck dumping sites selected in the non-forest area along with the details of their capacity.**

4. **The details of additional 23 ha area proposed for CA such as KML file, digital map & SoI toposheet map, CA scheme, Site Suitability Certificate, etc. are required to be uploaded**
5. **State Government shall submit detailed reclamation plan of the dumping sites.**

Online No.: FP/UK/ROAD/39349/2019 **Agenda item 78.7 (U. K.)**

8B/UCP/06/76/2020/FC:

Diversion of 40.8916 ha of forest land for widening and strengthening of existing road from Km 399.000 to Km 460.000 of NH-07 (Old NH-58) in favour of MoRTH (NHIDCL) within the jurisdiction Badrinath Forest Division, Gopeshwar in Chamoli District of Uttarakhand.

The details of the proposal are as under:

1. The proposal has been signed and recommended by the all concerned authorities in the part I, II, III, IV & V. In part II, III, IV and V of the proposal, **no specific** comments have been recorded by the concernedauthorities.
2. As per site inspection report of the concerned DCF having territorial jurisdiction on proposed forest landviolation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 **is not reported.**
3. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patch is **not part** of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Reserve, Wildlife Migration Corridor etc.The proposed area also **does not fall** within eco-sensitive zone of any protected area.
4. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patches are **not located** in the area having protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument.
5. Rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna is not found in the area.
6. The justification for the requirement of forest land and for locating the project in forest area has been provided.
7. The detail of forest area and number of trees, NPV and compensatory afforestation is as under:

Area and Trees Details

Sl. No	Administrative Unit	Area proposed for diversion				Details of tree proposed for felling	
	Forest Division/ District	Civil Soyam land (ha.)	Village Forest area (ha.)	Reserve Forest area (ha.)	Total Area (ha.)	Crown density/ EcoClass of forest land	No. of plants required to be felled (As per Part-II)
1.	Badrinath Forest Division, Gopeshwar	31.8947	2.3969	6.6	**40.8916**	0.3, V	1482 trees and 1975 saplings
Total:		**31.8947**	**2.3969**	**6.6**	**40.8916**		**1482 trees and 1975 saplings**

Net Present Value

Sl. No.	Name of Forest Division	ForestArea (in ha.)	NPV Rate (in Rs per ha)	Crown Density	Eco-Class	Total (Rs.)
1.	Badrinath Forest Division, Gopeshwar	40.8916	6,57,000/-	**0.3**	V	2,68,65,781/-
Total: -						2,68,65,781/-
Rupees Two crore sixty-eight lakh sixty-five thousand seven hundred eighty-one only						

Compensatory Afforestation

Sl. No.	Details of CA	CA proposed area (in ha)	Name of Forest Division	Total Financial Outlay for CA Scheme (Rs.)
1.	**Patch 1** (Devasari I C. No-8- 3.50 ha) **Patch 2** (Devsari I, C. No-8 Patch-I, CA land Grass 4.00 ha) **Patch 3** Devasari II C.No 10B- 5.00 ha **Patch 4** Devasari II C.NO. 01 – 5.00 ha **Patch 5** Devsari II C.no 01 (5.00) **Patch 6** Kunjakot 1 Comp No.4a - 5.00 ha. **Patch 7** Kunjakot I C.no 4b 5.00ha part II **Patch 8** Kunjakot I C.no 4b 5.00ha part I **Patch 9,** Maikhanda 2, part-I, C.No 3b-6.00 ha **Patch 10, part-ii**, Maikhanda C. No 3b- 10 ha **Patch 11,** Nawali V Comp no 1a. ii - 3.00 ha **Patch 12** Nawal V, Comp-1a part II 3.00 ha **Patch 13,** Nawali IV C.No. 7l. **Patch 14,** Nawali V c.no 1a 5.00 ha. **Patch 15,** Nawali V C.No.2, 3.00 ha. **Patch 16,** Nawali V C.No.2, 4.00 ha. **Patch 17,** Nawali V C.No.9, 3.00 ii ha. **Patch 18,** Nawali V C.No.9, 3.00 ha	82.60	Bandrinath Forest Division, Gopeshwar	2,56,25,990/-
	Total:	**82.60**		2,56,25,990/-
(Rupees Two crore fifty-six lakh twenty-five thousand nine hundred ninety only.)				

8. The certificate of District Magistrate w.r.t Forest Right Act, 2006 is provided in the proposal.
9. As per GIS-DSS analysis the area proposed for diversion is 40.8916 ha and the net suitable area for CA is 82.60 ha as submitted by the State Government.
10. The details of employment generation through the proposal – Regular-0; Temparory-162000 man days.
11. The cost benefit analysis is required.
12. The proposal was discussed in the REC meeting held on 28-03-2023 and it was decided that the balance 66.60 ha area proposed for CA in which the MDF is noticed is required to be selected in some other location ensuring no MDF/ VDF in the area and thereafter, it should be approved by the REC. And no plantation work should be undertaken before the sites for CA are approved by the REC. The reply to which was submitted vide letter dt. 27.04.2023, details are given as under:

Query raised as per the Minutes of REC meeting:

After detailed discussion on the various aspects of the proposal it was decided that the balance 66.60 ha area proposed for CA is required to be selected in some other location ensuring no MDF/ VDF in the area and thereafter, it should be approved by the REC. No plantation work should be undertaken before the sites for CA are approved by the REC.

Reply submitted by the State Government:

राज्य सरकार द्वारा पत्र दिनांक 27.04.2023 द्वारा अवगत कराया गया है कि सैद्धान्तिक स्वीकृति की शर्त में वृक्षारोपण हेतु पूर्व में चयनित निम्न क्षेत्रो में से 14 हे0 VDF एवं 41 हे0 MDF बताया गया क्षेत्रों का विवरण निम्नानुसार है:–

क्र0सं0	पूर्व में चयनित क्षेत्रों का विवरण	चयनित क्षेत्र का क्षेत्रफल (हे0 में)
1	देवसारी I क0न0 8 में	4.00
2	देवसारी II क0न0 10अ में	5.00
3	देवसारी II क0न0 1 में	10.00
4	नवाली चतुर्थ क0न0 7	5.00
5	नवाली पंचम क0न0 1 अ	5.00
6	नवाली पंचम क0न0 1 अ	6.10
7	नवाली पंचम क0न0 2	3.00
8	नवाली क0न0 2	4.00
9	नवाली क0न0 9	6.00
10	कुंजाकोट 1 क0न0 4 ब	15.00
11	मैखण्डा II क0न0 3 ब	10.00
12	मैखण्डा II क0न 3 ब	6.00
13	देवसारी I क0न0 8	3.50
	योग	82.60

2. आर0ई0सी की बैठक दिनांक 28.03.2023 से कार्य करने की अनुमति एक वर्ष बढ़ाने हेतु एवं वृक्षारोपण हेतु उपयुक्त स्थल चयन करने के निर्देश दिये गये। उपरोक्त कार्यवृत्त में दिये गये निर्देषो का अुनपालन करते हुये कुछ पुराने स्थलों के स्थान पर नये क्षेत्रों का चयन किया गया। क्षतिपूरक वृक्षारोपण हेतु प्रेषित नये चयनित स्थलों का पूर्व में प्रेषित किये गये क्षेत्रों का तुलनात्मक विवरण निम्नानुसार है:—

क्र0सं0	प्रस्ताव में प्रस्तावित एवं सैद्धान्तिक स्वीकृति की शर्त सं0 3 में अंकित/चयनित क्षेत्रो का विवरण	चयनित क्षेत्र का क्षेत्रफल (हे0 में)	क्र0सं0	चयनित नये क्षेत्रों का विवरण	नये क्षेत्रों का क्षेत्रफल (हे0 में)
1	देवसारी I क0न0 8	4.00	1	देवसारी I क0न0 8 पार्ट I	4.00
2	देवसारी I क0न0 8	3.50	2	देवसारी I क0न0 8 पार्ट II	3.50
3	देवसारी II क0न0 10अ	5.00	3	देवसारी II क0न0 10 अ	5.00
4	देवसारी II क0न0 1	10.00	4	देवसारी II क0न0 1 पार्ट I	5.00
			5	देवसारी II क0न0 1 पार्ट II	5.00
5	नवाली चतुर्थ क0न0 7	5.00	6	नवाली चतुर्थ क0न0 7	5.00
6	नवाली पंचम क0न0 1 अ	5.00	7	नवाली पंचम क0न0 1 अ	3.00
7	नवाली पंचम क0न0 1 अ	6.10	8	नवाली पंचम क0न0 1 अ पार्ट I	3.00
			9	नवाली पंचम क0न0 1 अ पार्ट II	4.00
8	नवाली पंचम क0न0 2 पार्ट 1	4.00	10	नवाली पंचम क0न0 2 पार्ट I	3.00
9	नवाली पंचम क0न0 2 पार्ट 11	3.00	11	नवाली पंचम क0न0 2 पार्ट II	3.00
10	नवाली पंचम क0न0 9	6.00	12	नवाली पंचम क0न0 9 पार्ट I	3.00
			13	नवाली पंचम क0न0 9 पार्ट II	5.00
11	कुंजाकोट 1 क0न0 4 ब	15.00	14	कुंजाकोट प्रथम क0न0 4 ब पार्ट I	5.00
			15	कुंजाकोट प्रथम क0न0 4 ब पार्ट II	5.00
			16	कुंजाकोट प्रथम क0न0 4 अ	5.00
12	मैखण्डा II क0न0 3 ब पार्ट 1	10.00	17	मैखण्डा II क0न0 3 ब	10.00
13	मैखण्डा II क0न0 3 ब पार्ट 11	6.00	18	मैखण्डा II क0न0 3 ब	6.00
	कुल योग	**82.60**		**कुल योग**	**82.50**

उपरोक्त तालिका में पूर्व में क्षतिपूरक वृक्षारोपण हेतु 82.60 हे0 अवनत वन भूमि चयनित की गयी थी, जिसमें तीन क्षेत्र 10.00 हे0 से अधिक तथा 10 क्षेत्र 10.00 हे0 से कम के थे, भारत सरकार

द्वारा क्षेत्रो का डी0एस0एस0 Analysis करने पर बड़े क्षेत्रफल वाले क्षेत्र (पैच) VDF एव MDF पाये गये, जिसमें से केवल 16.00 हे0 मैखण्डा ।। क0न0 3 ब स्थल वृक्षारोपण हेतु उपयुक्त पाया गया, भारत सरकार द्वारा अवषेष 66.50 हे0 क्षतिपूरक वृक्षारोपण हेतु स्थल कम पैचो व VDF एव MDF रहित क्षेत्रो का चयन कर प्रस्तुत करने हेतु लिखा गया। अवगत कराया गया है कि बद्रीनाथ वन प्रभाग के अंततर्गत वृक्षारोपण हेतु VDF रहित अवनत वन भूमि बड़े क्षेत्रफल वाले स्थल (पैच जिसका क्षेत्रफल 10 हे0 या 10 हे0 से अधिक हो) उपलब्ध नहीं था, इसलिए क्षतिपूरक वृक्षारोपण हेतु छोटे–छोटे क्षेत्रफल वाल अवनत वन भूमि स्थलों (16 पैच) का चयन किया गया।

उपरोक्त नये स्थलो का डी0एस0एस0 Analysis करने पर कुछ स्थल MDF के अंतर्गत दिखाई दे रहे थे जिसके लिये उक्त स्थलों का दिनांक 04.09.2022, 10.09.2022 एवं 11.09.2022 को प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी द्वारा सम्बन्धित वन क्षेत्राधिकारियों के साथ चयनित स्थलो का स्थलीय निरीक्षण किया गया, निरीक्षण के दौरान पाया गया कि उक्त क्षेत्रों में कंटीली झाडियों (लैण्टाना, कांलाबासा, किरमोड़ा, कंरौदा आदि) स्थानीय प्रजाति की झाडियों विद्यमान है जो छितरे हुए है जिसके कारण घनत्व अधिक परिलक्षित हो रहा है, परन्तु वास्तव में उक्त क्षेत्र का घनत्व 0.4 से कम है, चयनित किये गये स्थल वृक्षारोपण हेतु उपयुक्त है।

13. The proposal was decided to be placed before REC for discussion on the reply submitted by the State Government.

Discussion:-

The proposal was discussed in detail with the concerned Project Proponent. The committee was apprised that the proposal was earlier discussed in the REC held on 28.03.2023 wherein it was requested to select the area for CA after ensuring that the CA area does not contain any forest land classified as MDF or VDF and where no plantation has been done so far. In that meeting the DFO had informed that soil working has already been done in the proposed area against the backlog of CA targeted to be done in the division. This was not acceptable and it was made clear that new area needs to be selected for CA for the current proposal. However, situation was found to be the same and the DFO again requested to accept this area against this proposal, which was not accepted by the REC.

Decision of REC:

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to defer the proposal to next meeting and desired that the State Govt. may be requested to submit the following documents/ information / clarifications:

1. **State Government shall select the larger patches of forest land for plantation. All necessary detail such as KML file, digital map & SoI toposheet map, CA scheme, Site Suitability Certificate, etc. are also required to be submitted.**
2. **The State Government shall submit detail of the CA area in the Badrinath Forest Division since 1980 covering the following aspects:**

i.	**The number of sites proposed for CA.**
ii.	**Details of the CA sites such as survey no. / Comp. no, location, area, diversion proposal against which the CA has been proposed.**
iii.	**Site wise status of these plantations. In case of change in area/ location of plantation the reasons thereof.**

Online No.: FP/UK/HYD/22889/2016 **Agenda item 78. 8 (U. K.)**

8B/UCP/01/146/2018/FC:

Diversion of 24.317 ha of forest land in favour of SJVN Limited, for construction of Jakhol Sankri Hydro Electric Project (44 MW), within the jurisdiction of Govind wildlife & National Park, Purola and Tons, Purola Forest Division, Distt. Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand. (Online proposal No. FP/UK/HYD/22889/2016)

The details of the proposal are as under:

1. The proposal has been signed and recommended by the all concerned authorities in the part I, II, III, IV & V. In part II, III, IV and V of the proposal, **no specific** comments have been recorded by the concernedauthorities.
2. As per site inspection report of the concerned DCF having territorial jurisdiction on proposed forest land violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 **is not reported.**
3. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patch is a part of **Govind wild life santuary & national park**. The proposed area also located 100 meters away from notified area of Govind Wild Life Sanctuary and National Park (eco-sensitive zone). Wildlife Clearance has been accorded in this regard.
4. As per part II of the proposal, the proposed forest patches are **not located** in the area having protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument.
5. Rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna is not found in the area.
6. The justification for the requirement of forest land and for locating the project in forest area has been provided.
7. The detail of forest area and number of trees, NPV and compensatory afforestation is as under:

Area and Trees Details

Sl. No	Administrative Unit	Area proposed for diversion				Details of tree proposed for felling	
	Forest Division/ District	Civil Soyam land (ha.)	Village Forest area (ha.)	Reserve Forest area (ha.)	Total Area (ha.)	Crown density/ EcoClass of forest land	No. of plants required to be felled (As per Part-II)
1.	Govind Pashu Vihar,Purola	22.067	-	-	**22.067**	0.1, V	1530 trees including 799 saplings are proposed to be affected

2.	Tons,Purola	-		2.25	**2.25**	0, V	Nil
Total:		**22.0367**		**2.25**	**24.317**		**1530 trees including 799 saplings**

Net Present Value

Sl. No.	Name of Forest Division	ForestArea (in ha.)	NPV Rate (in Rs per ha)	Crown Density	Eco-Class	Total (Rs.)
1.	Govind Pashu Vihar,Purola	22.067	10,05,210	0.1	V	2,44,43,692
	Tons,Purola	2.25				
Total:-						**2,44,43,692/-**
Rupees two crore forty-four lakh forty-three thousand six hundred ninety-two only						

Compensatory Afforestation

Sl. No.	Details of CA	Area proposed for CA (in ha)	Name of Forest Division	Total FinancialOutlay for CAScheme (Rs.)
1.	Patch1: Bainol-2	10	Range Purola; Tons Forest Division	1,86,02,600/-
2.	Patch2: Bainol-15	3		
3.	Patch3: Bainol-16	7		
4.	Patch4: Raun 4B	10		
5.	Patch5: Karada 1A	5		
6.	Patch6: Dhamkoti-1	5		
7.	Patch7: Thadung-7	10		
Total:		**50.00**		**1,86,02,600/-**
(Rupees One Crore Eighty-Six Lakhs Two Thousand Six Hundred only.)				

8. The certificate of District Magistrate w.r.t Forest Right Act, 2006 is provided in the pposal
9. As per GIS-DSS analysis the area proposed for diversion is 24.317 ha and the net suitable area for CA is 50.37 ha.
10. The details of employment generation through the proposal – Regular-0; Temparory-441000 man days.
11. The cost benefit analysis is required.
12. The proposal was discussed in the REC meeting held on 29.12.2021 and wherein Regional Empowered Committee recommended the proposal to the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India for approval. This office recommended the proposal for consideration of in-principle approval to Ministry on 14.01.2022. The observations of Ministry were conveyed to the State Govt. vide letter dated 08.04.2022, reply to which was submitted by the State Government vide letter dt. 13.07.2022.

13. Later time to time information was sought from the State government and vide this office dt. 20.01.2023 last observation was raised reply to which from the APCCF cum Nodal Officer, U.K. has been submitted vide letter dt. 06.05.2023, details are given as under:

Information sought by this office

As per the DSS analysis of the area proposed for diversion i.e. 24.317 ha uploaded in 14 patches, it is found that KML for components *viz.* "Notional land for HRT PH occupying 5.241 ha and Mining area polygon occupying 2.25 ha" are uploaded twice in online Part -I. Therefore, the repeated polygons of diversion area are not considered in measurement of total diversion area in DSS analysis. Which implies that total area for diversion in 12 patches comes to 23.87 ha instead of proposed 24.317 ha. State Government is again requested to submit the correct KML file for the area proposed for diversion showing all the components proposed in project.

Reply submitted by the State Government

In this regard, it is submitted that total 24.317 hectares forest land has been proposed in two Forest Division as per the details below:

Name of Forest Division	Area proposed in hectares	Total patches	Remarks
Govind Wildlife Sanctuary & National Park (GWLS & NP)	22.067	11	All the 11 Patches in a Single KML has been uploaded at Sr. no-12 of Part-I in online portal.
	2.25	1	01 patch in 01 KML file has been uploaded at Sr no-12 of Part-I in online portal
Total	**24.317**	**12 Patches**	

The difference in area was coming due to coinciding of some part of notional land polygon with the other components polygons, which was getting superimposed while combining the files for DSS, the same has been corrected accordingly.

Further, it is pertinent to mention here that the online portal part-I has two tabs patches & segments at Sr. No-12 under the head " MAPS of forest land to be diverted" for uploading the KML files. To full fill the requirement of online portal and to avoid confusion in number of KML for diversion, same KML file has been uploaded under the 11 patches & segments in both the divisions. Therefore, it is requested to consider 11 patches (Comprising total area of 22.067 ha.) in GWLS&NP division and 01 patch (Comprising total area of 2.25 ha.) in Tons division for calculation of total area of diversion for JSHEP.

14. It was decided to discuss the proposal before the Regional Empowered Committee.

Discussion: -

The proposal was discussed in detail with the concerned DFO and the Project Proponent. The committee was apprised that the proposal was discussed in the REC held on 29.12.2021 wherein REC recommended the proposal to the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India for approval. The MoEFCC, New Delhi raised few observations in the proposal which were conveyed to the State Government and reply to which has been recieved. Later, information was sought from time-to-time by this office in this case. In the meeting, a point wise discussion on the observations made by the MoEFCC, New Delhi was made. It was apprised that reply to all the points were found to be satisfactory.

Decision of REC:

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to recommend the proposal to Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for approval.

The meeting ended with thanks to the members and other participants.

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