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Conservator of Forests, Kashmir, South Circle Bijbehara

No: PCCF/FCA/1641-43

Dated: 02 - 06-2020

Sub: Use of forest land for construction of Tourist Facilitation entire and security cabin at Daksum by Tourism Development Authority Kokernag.

Ref:- Your office letter No. CFS/2020-21/FCA/01-02 dated 18-05-2020.

The above proposal recommended by you has been examined and following observations are made:-

- i. Two times compensation of trees amounting to Rs. 8,97,250/- has been recommended, whereas there is no provision under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for charging compensation of trees likely to be felled. Hence, the same may be removed from the recommendation.
- ii. Compensatory Afforestation Scheme has not been prepared in the instant proposal stating that forest area involved is less than 1 Ha, whereas as per section 2.6 (i) of MoEF & CC Guidelines, if the forest area proposed for diversion is less than 1 Ha, cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of ten times the number of trees likely to be felled shall be charged from the user agency towards compensatory afforestation.
- iii. The cost for extraction of trees is also to be included in the cost of Compensatory Afforestation, and to be reflected separately.
- iv. Document showing initiation of the process by the District Collector as per clause 6(e) of the Forest Conservation (Rules), 2003 (amended upto to August 2017) about process of recognition and vesting of forest rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007) for the entire forest land indicated in the proposal should be enclosed.
- v. Site inspection report of DCF is not found enclosed.

In view of the above, the proposal is returned herewith with the advise to resubmit the proposal considering the aforesaid observations urgently.

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Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,

Nodal Officer (FCA).

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