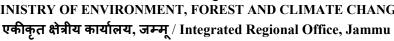
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File No: 9-JKB-011/2022-Jammu

To,

Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment Van Bhawan, Below Gumat, Jammu-180001 (ccffcajk1@gmail.com)

Sub:

Diversion of 2.5453 ha of Forest Land in Billawar Forest Division for the construction of Road from Bani to Billawar via Dhaggar, Dhaman & Deri Galla under CRF Phase 1st, District Kathua, UT of Jammu and Kashmir-reg.

Reg: i) Online proposal bearing on FP/JK/ROAD/121506/2021 received on dated 23.02.2022

ii) Nodal Officer J&K letter no. PCCF/FCA/3257/1318-19 dated 03.06.2022

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 **2.5453 ha** of forest land in **Billawar Forest Division** for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The reply submitted by the UT Administration vide its letter no PCCF/FCA/3257/1318-19 dated 03.06.2022 regard to the Administrative Approval from the competent authority for the entire stretch of 6 Km of proposed road is not plausible, and this proposal can't be processed in absence of written Administrative Approval for 6 Km of road.

In absence of written Administrative Approval for 6 Km road the proposal of diversion for **2.5453 ha** of forest land in **Billawar Forest Division** may be recast corresponding to the 5 Km length of approved road.

- 3. The clarification regarding passing of the proposed alignment through dense forest patch has not been given, as sought in the para no 2(v) vide this office letter of even no dated 22.03.2022.4.
- 4. The compliance to the above may be submitted within 15 days from the date of issue of this letter failing which the proposal shall be liable to be rejected for want to information.

Yours faithfully, Sd/-(Raja Ram Singh) DIGF (Central) Regional Officer IRO Jammu

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Signed by Raja Ram Singh

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- After careful examination of the above-mentioned proposal of the Govt of J&K the following information/clarification are still required to be submitted:
 - (i) The Administrative Approval provided for the proposal (accorded in 2017) is for the construction of 5 Km of road, whereas, in the area calculation sheet and elsewhere the instant proposal is for 6 km. UT Administration may clarify the same.
 - (ii) The UA may clarify that whether the project is of Central government and the executing agency is the State government?
 - (iii) Since, the UA has previously applied for various diversion proposals, the details for the same need to be provided under column B of PART I (Details of proposal seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Act for diversion of forest land for the Project already submitted in the past).
 - It is seen that the information provided under column E of Part I, the number man-days (iv) generated is 60 which is too less. Correct estimate may be provided and Part I may be updated accordingly.
 - Examination of KML reveals that the end point of the road does not connect to any (v) settlement in its vicinity and also the proposed alignment passes through dense forest patch, whose crown density is mentioned 0.3. These may be rechecked.
 - Examination of the KML also reveals the proposed RoW in forest land is more than 9m (vi) in the starting section (approx. 20m in Forest land) for the RD section 3/750 to 6/100, it is also requested to clarify whether enumeration of trees has been done on 9m RoW or 20m
 - (vii) Proposal Number and Date is missing in CA Undertaking. UT Administration may provide the same after doing the needful.
 - As per the DSS analysis, revision of the proposed project site is required as the total (viii) KML area is 2.30 (ha.) instead of 2.5453 (ha.).
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