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To

CCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FC),
Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment
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Sub: Diversion of 2.84 ha of forest land for construction of alternative alignment of Lakhanpur Thein road km 11th to 12th due to submergence of 2x39 mtrs RCC Tgirder bridge on Nora Nallah at 410.0 mtr level, District Kathua, UT of Jammu & Kashmir-reg

Ref: i) Online proposal bearing on FP/JK/Road/155190/2022 received on dated 02.06.2022

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 **2.84** ha of forest land in **Kathua Wildlife division** for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. 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) Density of the forest land is given 40, this needs to be corrected as either 0.4 or 40% at 4(i) in Part-II online.
- ii) As per DFO's Site Inspection Report, the User Agency has violated the provision of FCA 1980 and work was started before approval. Hence, the date of actual violation and the date of application for seeking clearance registered in PARIVESH by the User Agency may be submitted to ascertain the fact, if the violation is of State Forest Act or Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- iii) The area mentioned in component wise break-up in Part-I is 2.8397 ha, while the proposal is submitted for 2.84 ha, and needs to be corrected.
- iv) Area is not mentioned in the site suitability certificate of the CA plan. Hence, site suitability certificate needs to be revised after incorporating CA area.
- v) Since the proposed diversion area falls within Thein Conservation Reserve, separate Wildlife Clearance from competent authority needs to be obtained.
- vi) As per DSS analysis of the CA site, the proposed CA is over 6.01 ha of land, out of which 5.4 ha of land is having mature trees/vegetation, so only 0.6 ha of land is available for target plantation. Hence, fresh CA site with vegetation density up to 40% and sufficient vacant for target plantation may be submitted.

3. The compliance to the above may be submitted within 30 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

Signed by Raja Ram Singh

Date: 23-06-2022 13:39:54

Reason Approved

Regional Officer

IRO Jammu

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