

Agenda Item No. 02: Diversion of 6.06 ha of forest land for extension of Hari-Nagari-Payya motor road upto Dabu Harap in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Bageshwar Forest Division, District Bageshwar, Uttarakhand (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/ROAD/10042/2015)

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 6.06 ha of forest land for extension of Hari-Nagari-Payya motor road upto Dabu Harap in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Bageshwar Forest Division, District Bageshwar, Uttarakhand. The committee was informed that 386 number of trees are proposed to be felled in the project. The forest land proposed for diversion is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported.

The Committee was informed that out of total 6.06 ha proposed for diversion, 0.495 ha of forest land is required by the project authorities for muck dumping. Since issue of muck dumping has gained a lot of attention in the state of Uttarakhand with Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand also giving directions on its proper disposal, the REC desired that the project authorities may upload their detailed DPR on website portal of forest clearances so that the muck dumping plans, their detailed structures and reclamation plan are in public domain. This can be done after stage I approval also as it is only for information.

The REC was apprised that details related to employment data are required to be corrected online. Besides, detailed land schedule on correct length and width of data is also awaited. The state government is also required to submit Part IV and Part V of the proposal in original.

It was also informed that compensatory afforestation has to be raised @1000 plants/ha. On analysis through DSS it is found that 07 ha of area proposed for CA has very dense forest (VDF) and moderately dense forest (MDF) hence 1000plants/ha cannot be planted. The proposed area for the plantation is not suitable. The proposed civil soyam land can be accepted provided the no. of plants which are not possible to be planted on proposed land, shall be planted on degraded forest land (crown density upto 40%as per Survey of India report) within the administrative control of forest department and submit the location of area and shape file with possible no. of plants to be planted in the proposed degraded forest land. The state government shall submit revised CA scheme and other details.

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

- 1. The state government shall review and correct the employment details online.*
- 2. The state government shall submit correct land schedule, and Part IV & V of the proposal in original.*
- 3. The state government shall submit revised CA details and upload the same.*

