

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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**Dated: September, 2024**

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forest),**  
Government of Uttarakhand,  
Dehradun.

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 87.0815 ha of forest land for "Expansion of the Jolly Grant Airport" under Forest Division and District Dehradun of the State of Uttarakhand (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/Others/44884/2020)**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the CCF& Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Uttarakhand's letter No. 155/12-1 dated 18.07.2024 on the above subject and to say that the proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 27.08.2024. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at <https://parivesh.nic.in>. The Committee, after going through the facts of the proposal, observed that complete information as requested by the MoEF&CC from the State Government and Regional Office has not been received specially with regards to compensatory afforestation carried out in lieu of approval granted for 70 ha of forest land approved in 2003. Therefore, Committee desired following information from the State Government:

- i. The State Government needs to propose CA either in Civil Soyam land or revised certificate of the State Government for non-availability of non-forest land in the entire State is to be furnished in accordance with the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
- ii. Cost benefits Analysis has not been submitted by the State citing the project is of public utility. There are no such exemptions provided in the in the Guidelines for such project, therefore, cost benefit analysis needs to be furnished by the State.
- iii. The State Government has mentioned that proposal (FP/UK/Others/5156/2020 dated 28-10-2020) has been submitted for approval of the Standing Committee of the NBWL. Updated status of the same may be informed by the State Government.
- iv. Details of compensatory afforestation undertaken in lieu of diversion of 70 ha of forest land, along with KML file shall be submitted to the Ministry as well as to Regional Office, Dehradun by the State Government.
- v. Analysis of Satellite Google Imagery (April 2021 onwards) reveals visible construction of a temporary road in the southern part of proposed forest land. Therefore, the same needs to be commented upon by the State.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to provide information, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

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**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun
2. The Dy. Director General of Forest (Central) Regional Office, Bhubaneswar
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC