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No. PCCF/CAMPA/2021-22/ F.No. 1150/1505-06

Dated: 4.08.2021

Sub: Selection of land for compensatory Afforestation – Selection of degraded forest.

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith a copy of communication No. AMG-1/J/7/21-22/15 dated 6.8.2021 received from Sr. Audit Officer, AMG-1/J/7 O/o Principal Accountant General (Audit) J&K, Jammu on the above subject.

2. It is, requested to kindly seek comments of the Divisional Forest Officer/Conservator of Forests concerned on the observations raised by the Audit Party and furnish to this office.

Yours faithfully,

(Sarvesh Rai) IFS

Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests/
Chief Executive Officer (CAMPA)

Copy to the Private Secretary with PCCF & HoFF for kind information of the worthy Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, J&K



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Subject: Selection of land for compensatory afforestation

As per instruction issued by forest department and Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest conservation rules 2003 (Guidelines and Clarifications), all forest land which have crown density below 40 percent should only be treated as degraded forest land for the purpose of afforestation. A scheme for 1000 plants per hectares is to be prepared for these degraded forests. The divisions are entrusted with the development of degraded forests. No record was available in the divisions to ascertain that the forest areas treated have crown density below 40 percent.

During test check of annual plan of operation and KMZ files uploaded for carrying compensatory afforestation, it was noticed in KMZ files in Google maps that in 18 cases in four divisions, the compartments selected for afforestation seem to have crown density more than 40 percent. This is in contravention to the instruction issued and may be clarified.


DFO Jammu	DFO Bhandarwah	DFO Bhandarwah	DFO Udhampur
2015-16	2015-16	2019-20	2018-19
2T- Domel chowk	61K- Bhalla Shangroo	12- JWR	59P- Pancheri
4B- Bahu	49K- Vill Kaluban Bharwa	14- JWR	2019-20
2018-19	2018-19	57- Bh	27 P
4P- Kheri	10- Bhalesha	58- Neeru	DFO Reasi
5N- Jagti	53- Kellar	9- Bh	2019-20
2K- Saderi Kalidhar		5 Jit	19A/R Reasi
3K- Kalidhar			4 Th

II Selection of degraded forest

In forest division Shopian, degraded forests were approved for afforestation in the Annual plan of operation on the basis of old KMZ files ranging up to more than 4 years. Reasons thereof may be assigned. It is pertinent to mention that in 4 year time crown density of an area might be changed. Instances-

APO -Year	Compartment	Area	Date of KMZ file	
2017-18	Rb-1a	33 Ha	21-09-2014	2 year 3 months
2017-18	Ri-8b	27 Ha	22-11-2014	2 year 1 months
2017-18	Y-1	40 Ha	21-09-2014	2 year 3 months
2017-18	Rb-2a	32 Ha	21-09-2014	2 year 3 months
2017-18	Rb-22	37 Ha	21-09-2014	2 year 3 months
2018-19	Y-1	30 Ha	21-09-2014	3 year 3 months
2019-20	Rb-1a	25 Ha	21-09-2014	4 year 3 months

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Sr Audit Officer
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