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Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Department of Forest, Environment & Ecology
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar
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Subject:- Diversion of 22.302 Ha of forest land for 36 No. of Tower locations for laying of 132 KV D/C Transmission line from Grid Station Katra to Gran (Reasi) for Konkan Railways by PDD in Reasi Forest Division.

Reference :-(i) Minutes of the 107th meeting of the Forestry Advisory Committee held on 16.05.2018 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary J&K, issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA) vide No. PCCF/FCA/2680/2871-89 dated 24.05.2018.
(ii) SAC Decision No. 5/1/2018 dated 28.06.2018.
(iii) Letter No. PCCF/FCA/2490/4659-62 dated 29.08.2018 received from the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) ,J&K,

Government Order No:- 314 FST of 2018
Date:- 26 -09-2018

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Sanction is hereby accorded to the diversion of 22.302 Ha of forest land for 36 No. of Tower locations for laying of 132 KV D/C Transmission line from Grid Station Katra to Gran (Reasi) for Konkan Railways by PDD in Reasi Forest Division with the following terms and conditions:-

1.	User Agency/Applicant	PDD
2.	Location	Comptt : 36/R, 79/K & 77/K, 80/K Range : Katra & Reasi Block : Bhaga & Reasi Division : Reasi Forest Division District : Reasi
3.	Objective	To construct Transmission Line from Grid Station Katra to Gran so as to meet load demand of M/s Konkan Railway.
4.	Salient Features of the project:	

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	I	Length of transmission line through Forest land	8260 Mtr			
	II	Width (ROW)	27 Mtrs.			
	III	Forest Area Involved	22.302 Ha.			
	VI	Total No. of dumping sites on forest land	Not needed as the User Agency shall use the mulba so excavated from the construction of 36 no. of towers in filling of tower locations.			
	VI	Total forest area required	22.302 Ha.			
	VII	Protection work	Not required			
	5.	Number of Trees / Poles/ Saplings involved				
	Species	Trees (30-40cm & above)	Poles (20-30cm & 10-20cm)	Saplings (0-10cm)	Total	
	Chir (<i>Pinus roxburghii</i>)	236	137	214	587	
	Broad Leaved: Phirlai (<i>Accacia modesta</i>), Karangal (<i>Casia fistula</i>), <i>Lucenia</i> , Kambeela (<i>Mallotus philippinesis</i>), Shasham (<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>) etc	317	3155	2740	6212	
	Total	553	3292	2954	6799	
6.	Net Present Value of forest land involved:					
	Comptt. No.	Area involved (Ha.)	Crop Density	Eco-Value Class	Rate/ Ha (Rs. In Lac)	Amount (Rs.)
	36/R, 79/K & 77/K, 80/K	22.302 Ha.	Dense	V	8.45	1,88,45,190/-
7.						
	a	Whether the forest land proposed to be used for non-forest purpose forms part of a natural reserve, national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve or forms part of the habitat of any endangered or threatened species of flora and fauna or any			No	

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	area lying in severely eroded catchment.	
b	Whether the use of any forest land is for agriculture purposes or for the rehabilitation of displaced persons.	No
c	Whether the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests had certified that it has, considered all other alternatives and that no other alternative in circumstances are feasible and that the required area is the minimum needed for the purposes, and,	Yes
d	Whether the department or authority requisitioning forest land for non-forest uses undertakes to provide at its own cost acquisition or an equivalent area and afforestation thereof.	The User Agency requisitioning forest land for non-forest purpose has not undertaken to provide an equivalent area at its own cost of acquisition, however the Dy. Commissioner concerned has agreed to provide equivalent land for afforestation. The user agency has agreed to pay the cost of afforestation on this land. Further it has undertaken to pay the NPV as per the Hon'ble Supreme court directions.
8.	Compensatory Afforestation: The Deputy Commissioner, Reasi has issued certificate vide No: DC/RSI/17-18/1561-65/SQ dated 26-03-2018 that state land measuring 22.30 Ha falling under Khasra No. 388/363 is available in lieu of forest land for Compensatory Afforestation in Village Koulsar Tehsil Reasi . Therefore, only one time cost of Compensatory Afforestation cost shall be charged from the User Agency	Rs. 22,30,200 /-
9.	Compensation of trees/poles/saplings	Rs.1,04,89,185/-
10.	Proposal for transplantation of saplings @ Rs. 500 per sapling approx. (User Agency shall pay the amount directly to concerned DFO as per actuals)	Rs.14,77,000/-

The user agency has made the payment in full of the amount summarized below as reported by PCCF vide letter mentioned at Ref (iii):-

S.No.	Component	Amount
i	Net Present Value	Rs.1,88,45,190/-
ii.	Compensatory Afforestation	Rs.22,30,200 /-

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iii.	Compensation of trees	Rs. 1,04,89,185/-
iv.	Compensation for transplantation of Saplings	Rs.14,77,000/-
Total		Rs. 3,30,41,575/-

Terms and Conditions:-

1. The proprietary and legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency and /or its contractors will not bring any forest area under their use, other than the actual area/activity approved by the Government for the instant proposal. Any laxity or deviation on this account by the User Agency or its contractors will attract penal provisions of the relevant Acts/legal provisions.
3. The forest land shall be utilized only for the purpose for which it has been indented.
4. The forest land shall not be mortgaged, reassigned, leased or sub-leased by user agency in any manner what so ever to any other agency.
5. The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined as per decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
6. (i) The extraction of the trees /poles/saplings shall be done by the State Forest Corporation/Divisional Forest Officer concerned on the basis of markings administratively approved by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu. The marking for tree felling will be done in consultation with the user agency and effort shall be made to save maximum number of trees/poles/saplings. The cost of extraction shall be paid by the User Agency directly to the agency executing the extraction.

(ii) The fundamental rule for marking of trees, enumerated during processing of the proposals, will be to save maximum number of trees without compromising with the construction and maintenance of the approved project structure and no trees/poles/saplings will be felled/cut/pruned/ lopped for purposes/project activities other than those approved/sanctioned.
7. Extraction shall be done as per guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests vide its no. F.No. 7-25/2012-FC dated 5th May 2014, which has been formulated in consultation with the Central Electricity Authority. Extraction will be carried out in following steps:
 - I. *Marking list for felling of trees will be prepared by the local forest officer (DFO concerned) for the felling of trees coming in the alignment of foundation of towers and along the strip, as per requirement of the User Agency. Fundamental rule for the marking will be to save maximum number of trees without compromising with the construction and maintenance of the transmission line.*
 - II. *Forest area required for foundation of the towers and three meter strip below each conductor bundle, which would be marked by the User Agency on the ground, will be*

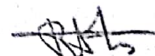
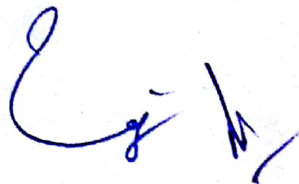
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cleared first. Trees on this area will be felled, but after stringing work is completed, natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Felling/ pollarding/ pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the DFO concerned wherever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance. One outer strip will be left clear to permit maintenance of transmission line.

- III. During construction of transmission line, pollarding/ pruning of trees located outside the width (three mt) of the strips, whose branches/parts infringe with conductor string, shall be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by local forest officer.
 - IV. Pruning of trees for taking construction/ stringing equipments through existing approach/ access routes in forest areas shall also be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by local forest officer. Construction of new approach/ access route will however, require prior approval under the Act.
 - V. In the remaining width of right of way, trees will be felled or lopped to the extent required, for preventing electrical hazards by maintaining 4 meter of minimum clearance between conductor and trees.
 - VI. To avoid any hazard, felling/cutting/pruning of those trees which because of their height/ location may fall on conductors shall also be permitted, as may be decided by the local forest officer.
 - VII. In the case of transmission lines to be constructed in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees will not be cut except those minimum required to be cut for stringing of conductors.
8. Plantation of shrubs /bushes, Medicinal plants and small size tree species will be done all along the Transmission line on forest land. A separate project would be prepared by the Forest Department in consultation with the User Agency for the purpose which would be funded by the User Agency. Plantation will be done after the stringing of conductor has been completed.
 9. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls/breast walls on forest land and take all necessary steps to check soil erosion which may result due to proposed construction.
 10. Any damage done to the forest by the User Agency or its contractors shall be charged from the User Agency @ 10 times the standard rate of 1992.
 11. The forest land so allowed for use shall return to the Forest Department free of any encumbrances when it is no longer required by the User Agency.
 12. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue before commissioning of the project.



13. The forest land shall be handed over to User Agency only after the equivalent land as agreed by User Agency and certificate issued by Dy. Commissioner, Reasi vide No: DC/RSI/17-18/1561-65/SQ dated 26-03-2018 is taken possession by Forest Department with mutation as well.
14. User Agency shall adopt lopping of trees and number of such trees be intimated to the Forest Department.
15. Bare minimum felling of trees as per requirement/need within corridor be proposed and their number be intimated to the Forest Department.

By order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Sd/-
(Manoj Kumar Dwivedi) IAS
Commissioner / Secretary to Government
Forest, Environment & Ecology Department.

No: FST/Land/49/2018

Dated:- 26 -09-2018.

Copy to the:-

1. Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi.
2. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Governor, J&K, Srinagar.
3. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Power Development Department.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K, Srinagar.
5. Managing Director SFC, J&K, Srinagar.
6. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.
7. CCF/Nodal Officer, FCA, office of the PCCF, J&K, Srinagar.
8. Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums J&K, Srinagar.
9. OSD to Hon'ble Advisor (K) for kind information of Hon'ble Advisor.
10. Chief Engineer, Power Development Department, Jammu.
11. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC).
12. Private Secretary to Comm./Secretary to Government, Department of Forests, Environment & Ecology
13. P.A to Secretary (Technical) Department of Forest, Environment & Ecology.
14. Government order file.(w.2.s.c) / stock file.

Under Secretary to Government,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K

NO. PCCF/FCA/ 2490/ 5225-29 Dated: 05-10-2018

Copy of above forwarded for necessary action compliance to the:-

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.
2. Chief Engineer, Power Development Department, Jammu.
3. Conservator of Forests, West Circle, Rajouri.
4. Divisional Forest Officer, Reasi Forest Division, Reasi.
5. Executive Engineer Transmission Line Cosnt. Division II PDD, Jammu.
6. MIS for update.

(Abdul Gani) IAS
Chief Conservator of Forests /
Nodal Officer, FCA)

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