



**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**Department of Forest, Environment & Ecology**  
**Civil Secretariat, Jammu.**

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**Subject:- Felling of 48 trees/poles coming in the alignment of under construction 220 Double Circuit Amargarh-Wagoora Transmission lines associated with Kishenganga HEP in Social Forestry Division Pulwama by PGCIL.**

- Reference:-(i) Minutes of 109<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee held on 19.07.2018 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary J&K(Chairman FAC), issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA) vide No. PCCF/FCA/2715/4139-64 dated 25.07.2018.  
(ii) State Administrative Council Decision No. 47/8/2018 dated 08.08.2018.  
(iii) Letter No. PCCF/FCA/2019/5424-27 dated 24.10.2018 received from the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K.

**Government Order No:- 374-FST of 2018**  
**D a t e d :- 06 -12- 2018**

Sanction is hereby accorded to the felling of 48 trees/poles coming in the alignment of under construction 220 KV Double Circuit Amargarh-Wagoora Transmission lines associated with Kishenganga HEP in Social Forestry Division Pulwama by PGCIL subject to the following particulars:-

1.	<b>User Agency/Applicant</b>	Powergrid Corporation of India Limited.			
2.	<b>Location</b>	Block : Pulwama Division : Social Forstry Division, Pulwama District : Pulwama			
3.	<b>Objective</b>	To facilitate the construction of transmission line through			
4.	<b>Forest Area required</b>	No forest land is involved.			
5.	<b>Trees/Poles/Saplings:</b>				
	<b>Species</b>	<b>Trees (30-40cm &amp; above)</b>	<b>Poles (20-30cm &amp; 10-20cm)</b>	<b>Saplings (0-10cm)</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Broad Leaved: Poplar (Populus)</b>	44	4	0	48
	<b>Total</b>	44	4	0	48

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6.	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 area lying in severely eroded catchment.	No
	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,	Not required
	d	Whether the department or authority requisitioning forest land for non-forest uses undertakes to provide at its own cost acquisition of an equivalent area and afforestation thereof.	Not required
7.	Compensation of trees/poles		Rs. 4,55,925/-

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.	Compensation of trees	Rs. 4,55,925/-
<b>Total</b>		<b>Rs. 4,55,925/-</b>

#### Terms and Conditions:-

1. The User Agency and /or its contractors will not bring any forest area under their use. Any laxity or deviation on this account by the User Agency or its contractors will attract penal provisions of the relevant Acts/legal provisions.
2. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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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 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 4.6 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.

3. Plantation of shrubs /bushes 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.

4. (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, Kashmir. 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.

5. Any damage done to the forest by the User Agency or its contractors shall be charged from the User Agency @ 10 times as per the revised standard rate of 2018 issued vide the Government Order No: 10-FST of 2018 dated: 09.01.2018.
6. The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue before commissioning of the project.

**By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir**

Sd/-

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

Dated:- 08 -12-2018

No:-FST/land/72/2018

**Copy to the:-**

01. Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi.
02. Principal chief Conservator of forests, J&K, Jammu
03. Managing Director, State Forest Corporation, J&K, Jammu
04. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir for information.
05. CCF/Nodal Officer, FCA, Office of PCCF, J&K, Jammu
06. Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir
07. General Manager, PGCI, Kishenganga System Baramulla.
08. Director Achieves, Archaeology & Museums, J&K, Srinagar
09. OSD to Hon'ble Advisor(K) for information of Hon'ble Advisor
10. Pvt. Secy. to the Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC).
11. Pvt. Secy. to the Commr./Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology & Env. Department
12. Pvt. Secy. to Secretary (Technical), Forest, Ecology & Environment Department
13. Government Order file(w.2.S.Cs)/Stock file.

Under Secretary to Government,  
Forest, Environment & Ecology Department

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

NO. PCCF/FCA/2019/ 3918-22

Dated 12 -12-2018

**Copy of above forwarded for necessary action to the.**

1. APCCF/Director Social Forestry Department J&K, Government, Jammu.
2. Regional Director, Social Forestry Department, Kashmir.
3. General Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India, Kishan Ganga System, Baramulla.
4. Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry Division Pulwama.

**(P.K.Raghaw), IFS, 12/12**  
CCF & Nodal Officer (FCA)

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