



Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Department of Forest, Environment & Ecology
Civil Secretariat, Jammu.
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Subject:- Use of 7.2765 Ha of forest land for laying of 132 KV D/C Ramban to Sangaldan Transmission Line in Batote Forest Division by J&K PDD (For Konkan Railways).

Reference:- (i) Minutes of 109th 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/2120/5838-41 dated 01.12.2018 received from the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K.

Government Order No:- 400-FST of 2018
D a t e d :- 27-12-2018

Sanction is hereby accorded to the use of 7.2765 Ha of forest land for laying of 132 KV D/C Ramban to Sangaldan Transmission Line in Batote Forest Division by J&K PDD (For Konkan Railway) subject to the following particulars:-

1.	User Agency/Applicant	JK PDD
2.	Location	Comptt : 54/G, 55/G, 56/G, 57a/G, 57b/G Range : Gandhri Block : Kanga Division : Batote Forest Division District : Ramban
3.	Objective	To provide power supply to proposed grid Station of M/S Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) at Sangaldan
4.	Salient Features of the project:	
	I	Total Length of the transmission line 17.58 Km
	II	Length of transmission line through Forest land 2425 Mtrs
	III	Width of corridor 27.00 Mtrs.
		Forest land required for corridor 6.5475 Ha.

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IV	Forest land required for 10 transmission towers with 27m X 27m specification	0.729 Ha
VI	Total No. of dumping sites on forest land	Nil, as User Agency undertaken that Mulba so excavated from construction of towers shall be reused in filling of tower locations.
VII	Total forest land required	7.2765 Ha.
VIII	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>)	92	73	25	190
Broad Leaved: Keekar (<i>Acacia nilotica</i>), Anardana (<i>Punica granatum</i>) etc	02	84	55	141
Total	94	157	80	331

**110 Bushes of Santha are also involved*

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,	Yes

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	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.	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 5.65 Ha of Forest land for afforestation against required 7.2765 Ha. The user agency has agreed to pay single time cost of afforestation on 5.65 Ha, while as two times afforestation cost has been agreed on 1.6265 Ha of forest land. Further it has undertaken to pay the NPV as per the Hon'ble Supreme court directions.			
7.	Net Present Value of forest land involved:					
	Comptt. No.	Area involved (Ha.)	Crop Density	Eco-Value Class	Rate/ Ha (Rs. In Lac)	Amount (Rs.)
	54/G, 55/G, 56/G, 57a/G, 57 b/G	7.2765	Dense	V	8.45	61,48,643/-
8.	Compensatory Afforestation: The Deputy Commissioner, Ramban vide letter No: DCR/SQ/361-65 dated 08.06.2017 has proposed State Land measuring 5.65 Ha. having Khasra No: 1192 at village Maitra Govindpura, Tehsil Khari, District Ramban in lieu of forest land for compensatory afforestation. Therefore compensatory afforestation for rest area viz 1.6265 Ha shall be charged double i.e for 3.253 Ha and only one time compensation for an area of 5.65 Ha. @ 1 lac per Ha. from the User Agency				i). For 5.65 Ha. @ Rs. 1.00 lac/Ha = 5,65,000/- ii). For 3.253 Ha viz. double of 1.6265Ha = 3,25,300/-	
	Total				Rs. 8,90,300/-	
9.	Compensation of trees/poles/saplings				Rs.11,59,839 /-	

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. 61,48,643/-
ii.	Compensatory Afforestation	Rs.8,90,300/-

iii.	Compensation of trees	Rs.11,59,839 /-
Total		Rs. 81,98,782 /-

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 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 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.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

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

No:-FST/land/72/2018

Dated:- 27-12-2018


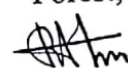
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1. Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi.
2. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Power Development Department, J&K, Jammu.
3. Principal chief Conservator of forests, J&K, Jammu
4. Managing Director, State Forest Corporation, J&K, Jammu
5. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu for information.
6. CCF/Nodal Officer, FCA, Office of PCCF, J&K, Jammu

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7. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.
8. Chief Engineer, System and Operation Wing Jammu Power Development Department.
9. Director Achieves, Archaeology & Museums, J&K, Jammu
10. OSD to Hon'ble Advisor(K) for information of Hon'ble Advisor
11. Pvt. Secy. to the Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC).
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Government of Jammu and Kashmir
 Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K

NO. PCCF/FCA/2120/ 7113-17

Dated 29 -12 -2018

Copy of above forwarded for necessary action to the.

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.
2. Chief Engineer, System and Operation Wing Jammu Power Development Department Grid Complex, Gladni Narwal Bala Jammu.
3. Conservator of Forests, Chenab Circle, Doda.
4. Divisional Forest Officer, Batote Forest Division, Batote.
5. Superintending Engineer System and Operation Cr-I Jammu PDD


 (Savesh Rai), IFS,
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