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Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Forests, Environment & Ecology Department

Subject:- Diversion of 49.125 Ha. (26.1 Ha from Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary and 23.025 Ha from Kara Koram Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground optical Fibre Cable for Indian Army by the Net Work for Spectrum (NFS) Cell, Director General of Signals Ministry of Defence in Lakakh Region..

Reference: (i) Minutes of the 98th Forest Advisory Committee meeting held on 09-06-2017 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC) J&K, issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA) vide No.PCCF/FCA/2349-1/2211-32 dated 01-06-2017.

(ii) Cabinet decision No.88/6/2017 dated 16-06-2017 conveyed by the General Administration Department.

(iii) Letter No. PCCF/FCA/2418/3140-42 dated 25-10-2017. received from the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K,

Government Order No:- 09 -FST of 2018

Dated:- 08 -01 -2018.

Sanction is hereby accorded to the Diversion of 49.125 Ha. (26.1 Ha from Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary and 23.025 Ha from Kara Koram Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground optical Fibre Cable for Indian Army by the Net Work for Spectrum (NFS) Cell, Director General of Signals Ministry of Defence in Lakakh Region, with the following particulars:-

1.	User Agency/Applicant	Directorate General of Signals, Ministry of Defence through 3 INF DIV SIG REGT
2.	Location	Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary & Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary District :- Leh State :- Jammu & Kashmir
3.	Objective of the proposal	To provide the Communication facility to Indian Army.

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4. Salient Features of the project:-	
i.	Wildlife area to be diverted Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary = 26.1 Ha Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary = 23.025 Ha Total: 49.125 Ha
ii.	Whether area forms part of wildlife/ protected area Yes. The area falls in Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary & Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary of Leh Region.
5. Mandatory requirements:-	
i.	Under Jammu & Kashmir State Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act 2002 in terms of Section 29 and Section 35 (6) the clearance to allow the wildlife area for non forestry activity vests with the State Board for Wildlife. The State Wildlife Board has cleared the proposal in its 10 th meeting whereof minutes issued vide No: WLP/Tech/2016/10 th /Standing Committee/141-59 Dated: 31.05.2016 and recommended the proposal to be placed before the National Board for Wildlife alongwith recommendations of the Chief Wildlife Warden J&K.
ii.	Under the Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court for grant of permission for implementation of projects falling in National Parks/Sanctuaries has to be considered by the Standing Committee of National Wildlife Board The Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife (SC-NBWL) in its 41 th Meeting dated 2 rd March, 2017 has cleared the proposal with the below given recommendation; <i>After discussions, considering the importance of project for Indian Army in Communication, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions prescribed by State CWLW.</i>
6. Conditions prescribed by the Chief wildlife Warden and State Board for Wildlife:-	
e. That the trenches to be dug for the OFC shall be properly refilled and compacted after its laying as per the standard practice.	
f. That the User Agency shall seek permission for carrying out any maintenance of OFC in Sanctuary area as and when required.	
g. That the user agency shall pay NPV charges as per the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court.	
h. 5% of the Project cost in proportion to the length falling in the sanctuary shall be paid by the user agency.	
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7.	No. of trees/poles/saplings No trees involved.
8.	NPV for 49.125 Ha Open density (Class-V) @ 6.57 lac per Ha. Rs.3,22,75,125/-
9.	5% Project Cost Rs.3,61,09,945/-

However, the above sanction shall be subject to the terms and conditions as given here under:-

1. The proprietary and legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.

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2. The User Agency and /or its contractors will not bring any Wildlife 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 Wildlife land shall be utilized only for the purpose for which it has been indented.
 4. The user Agency had made the payment in full of the amount summarized below, as reported by the Nodal Officer FCA, vide letter mentioned at Ref.(iii):-

S.No.	Component	Amount
i.	NPV	Rs.3,22,75,125/-
ii	5% Project Cost	Rs.3,61,09,945/-
	Total:	Rs.6,83,85,070/-

5. The Wildlife land shall not be mortgaged, reassigned, leased or sub-leased by user agency in any manner what so ever to any other agency.
6. Laying of OFC will be allowed only after payment of amount summarized above to the Forest Department and when the Government sanction is issued in the case.
7. Any damage done to the flora and fauna of the Sanctuary by the User Agency or its employees and contractors or people employed by them shall be charged from the User Agency @ 10 times of the Damage Cost.
8. The Wildlife area so allowed for use shall return to the Wildlife Department free of any encumbrances when it is no longer required by the User Agency.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-
(Saurabh Bhagat) IAS,
Commissioner/ Secretary to Government
Forest, Env. & Ecology Department
Dated:- 08-01-2018.

No:-FST/Land/34/2017

Copy to the:-

1. Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Env, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi.
2. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Public Works(R&B) Department.
3. Divisional Commissioner Kashmir for information.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K, Jammu.
5. CCF/Nodal Officer, FCA, office of the PCCF, J&K
6. Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums J&K, Jammu.
7. Officer on Special Duty with the Hon'ble Minister for forests, Environment & Ecology.
8. Special Assistant to Hon'ble MoS for Forest, Environment & Ecology.
9. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC),
10. Private Secretary to Commissioner./Secretary to Govt. Department of Forests, Env. & Ecology.
11. P.A to Secretary (Technical) Department of Forest, Environment & Ecology.
12. Government order file/Stock file.

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Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K

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NO. PCCF/FCA/2418/ 206-08

Dated 10 -01-2018

Copy of above forwarded for necessary action to the:-

1. Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K Government, Jammu.
2. Regional Wildlife Warden, Leh.
3. 16 Corps Operating Signal Regiment, Leh.

(Dr. Mohit Gera) IFS 09/01
Addl. Pr. C.C. Forests Central/
Nodal Officer 09/01