

**File No. FST-Land0WC/1/2022-02-Forest Department**  
Government of Jammu and Kashmir,  
Forests, Ecology & Environment Department  
Civil Secretariat, J&K Jammu

**Subject: Use of 135.57 Ha of forest land in Compartment No. 6 old and 8 new Chowadi for establishment of small arms Firing Range (Long Range) in Jammu Forest Division by BSF.**

- Reference:-
- i. Minutes of the 117<sup>th</sup> Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) Meeting held on 15.10.2019 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary J&K (the then Chairman FAC) issued by Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA) vide No. PCCF/FCA/2996-Part-I/4468-97 dated 17.10.2019.
  - ii Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of State Board for Wildlife dated 18.10.2019.
  - iii Administrative Council Decision No. 157/14/2022 dated 19.12.2022 conveyed by the General Administration Department.

Government Order No. 202 –JK (FST) of 2022  
Dated:- 23.12.2022

Sanction is hereby accorded to the use of 135.57 Ha of forest land in Compartment No. 6 old and 8 new Chowadi for establishment of small arms Firing Range (Long Range) in Jammu Forest Division by BSF with the following particulars and subject to the fulfilment of terms and conditions appearing herein after:-

**(A) Details of the Proposal:-**

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|----|-----------------------------------|--|-----------|
| 1. | User Agency/Applicant             | Border Security Force (BSF)  |           |
| 2. | Location                          | Comptt. : 6 Old and 8 New, Chowadi<br>Range : Bahu (Bahu Conservation Reserve)<br>Division : Jammu Forest Division<br>District : Jammu |           |
| 3. | Objective                         | To strengthen Defence coverage to Jammu region   |           |
| 4. | Salient Features of the project:- |  |           |
|    | I                                 | Forest land required for establishment of Headquarter  | 135.57 Ha |
|    | II                                | Forest land required for muck dumping site   | Nil       |

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| III | Total Forest area involved | 135.57 Ha.   |
| IV  | Protection work            | The BSF authorities have undertaken to take all the preventive measures by constructing the protection walls/ crate works to prevent soil erosion. |

5. Number of Trees/Poles/Saplings involved

| Species  | Trees<br>(30-40 cm & above) | Poles<br>(20-30cm & above) | Saplings<br>(0-10cm) | Total |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| <b>Broad Leaved</b><br>Plah, Seesham,<br>Kamila, Garna | 40                          | 891                        | 786                  | 1717  |
| <b>Total</b>   | 40                          | 891                        | 786                  | 1717  |

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| 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 the 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 purpose, and  | Yes   |
| 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. It has however agreed to provide cost of afforestation on double the forest area. Further it has also undertaken to pay the NPV as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court directions. |

7. Net Present Value of forest land involved : (5 times since area falls in Bahu Conservation Reserve)

| Comptt No.               | Area involved (Ha.) | Crop Density | Eco-Value Class | Rate/Ha (Rs. In lac) | Amount (Rs)        |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 6 Old and 8 New, Chowadi | 135.57              | Dense        | V               | 8.45                 | Rs. 57,27,83,250/- |



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| 8. | Compensatory Afforestation for double the area involved i.e 271.14 @ Rs 1 lakh per Ha. | Rs. 2,71,14,000/- |
| 9. | Compensation of trees/poles/Saplings   | Rs. 18,26,899/-   |
| 10 | Cost of Transplanting of Saplings  | Rs. 3,93,000/-    |

**(B) Summary of amount to be deposited under difference components:-**

| S.No. | Component                            | Amount             |
|-------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| i     | Net Present Value                    | Rs. 57,27,83,250/- |
| ii    | Compensatory Afforestation           | Rs. 2,71,14,000/-  |
| iii   | Compensation of trees/poles/saplings | Rs. 18,26,899/-    |
| iv    | Cost of Transplanting of Saplings    | Rs. 3,93,000/-     |
|       | <b>Total</b>                         | Rs. 60,21,17,149/- |

**(C) 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 construction shall be allowed on forest land only after payment of amount summarized above to the Forest Department and when Government sanction is issued in the case.
- ✓ 6. The user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined as per decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
7. (i) The extraction of the trees/poles/saplings shall be done by the J&K Forest Development 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.
8. 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.
9. The Transplantation of Poles (10-20 Cm) shall be done by the user agency in nearby degraded forest areas in consultation with the Forest Department.
10. 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 standard rate of 2018 issued vide the Government Order No: 10-FST of 2018 dated: 09.01.2018.
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. As and when asked for an amount of Rs 60,21,17,149/- on account of various heads as detailed in summary table above shall be paid/credited through e-transaction into the account of the Chief Accounts Officer in the office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K under intimation to the Nodal officer (FCA).
14. The approval will remain valid for one year and in case the due amount against the project summarized above is not paid within the stipulated period i.e, from that date when user agency is asked to deposit the due amount, the approval shall be deemed to have been cancelled.
15. The User Agency shall abide by the terms and conditions being imposed by the SBWL/NBWL while issuing Wildlife Clearance.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.


**Sd/-**  
**( Sanjeev Verma ) IAS**  
**Commissioner/ Secretary to Government**

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Dated:- 23 .12.2022

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4. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu
5. Chief Conservator of Forests/ Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o Pr. CCF J&K.
6. Deputy Commandant Frontier Headquarter BSF, Paloura Campus Jammu.
7. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary.
8. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department J&K.
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Dated:- 3-01-2023

2. Conservator of Forests, East Circle Jammu
3. Divisional Forest Officer, Jammu Forest Division.

It shall be ensured that the construction shall be allowed in forest land only after Compensatory levies is deposited by User Agency

4. Deputy Commandant Frontier Headquarter BSF, Paloura Campus Jammu

(S.Senthil Kumar) IFS  
Chief Conservator of Forests  
Nodal Officer (FCA)