

Subject: Diversion of 14.24 ha of Forest Land for construction of Tunnel T2, T3 & T5 by Northern Railways in Reasi Forest Division.

Reference: Cabinet Decision No. 89/7 dated 20.05.2008.

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO. 2/9-FST OF 2008 D A T E D; 27-05-2008

Sanction is accorded to diversion of forest land measuring 14.24 ha for construction of tunnel (T-2= 5.89 ha, T-3 = 2.35 ha & T-5= 6 ha) falling under compartment NOs 22/R, 35/R, 37/R and 75/R in Block Tote, Bhomag & Rairi, Range Reasi, Reasi Forest Division by Northern Railways on the following terms and conditions:

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

The forest land so diverted shall be utilized only for the purpose for which it has been diverted. It shall not be transferred to any other agency without approval of the Forest Department.

The forest land so diverted shall not be mortgaged, reassigned or sub-leased by user

agency in any manner what so ever to any other agency.

4. The User Agency shall pay Net Present Value of the forest land to the tune of Rs. 82,59,200/- (Rs. Eighty-two lacs fifty-nine thousand two hundred only) as calculated by the concerned DFO as per Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 30-10-2002 in I.A. No: 566 in Writ Petition (Civil) No: 202 of 1995 T.N. Godavarman Thirumalpad V/S Union of India.

5. The User Agency shall pay Rs. 7,50,000/- (Rs. Seven lacs fifty thousand only) on account of Compensatory Afforestation to be carried over 30 ha of degraded forest area

area

- 6. Any damage done to the forest by the user agency or its employees and contractors or people employed by them shall be charged from the user agency at the rate of ten times the standard rate of 1992.
- 7. The forest land so diverted shall return to the Forest Department free of any encumbrances when it is no longer required by the User Agency.
- 8. The user agency shall construct complete retaining/breast walls on the both sides of the road/railway line/earth work/tunneling etc., and take other necessary steps, so as to minimize soil erosion/land slips. In this regard, the user agency shall seek technical guidance from Director, Soil Conservation Department, J&K.
- 9. The user agency shall also pay any other amount which will become payable as per orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court or Government/Forest Department, J&K.
- 10. The user agency shall be responsible to get requisite clearance under any other relevant law in vogue.
- 11. The user agency shall submit an undertaking that in case of any upward revision of rates of Net Present Value, the user agency will pay the amount of differential Net Present Value.
- 12. The User Agency shall not be allowed to dump the debris (resulting due to tunneling work) on forest land (except where prior approval has been accorded by the Government under Forest Conservation Act) and in case of violation of this condition shall have to pay for the damage done to the forest as worked out by the Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) concerned.
- 13. The possession of Forest land diverted for non-forestry purpose under the orders of the competent authority, should not be handed over to the user agency till all payments due against Compensation of trees, NPV/Compensation of land, Compensatory afforestation costs etc are deposited with Chief Accounts Officer in the office of the PCCF. Before handing over the possession of the Forest land it

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should be further ensured that there are no outstanding dues with the said User Agency in respect of the cases sanctioned in the past.

The proposal stands cleared/ approved by the Advisory Committee in its 41st meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary on 5th March, 2008.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/Principal Secretary to Government, Forest Department.

NO:- FST/Land/82/41st /FCA/2008

Dated: 27 - 05 - 2008.

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- 2. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, General Adm. Deptt.
- 3. Conservator of Forests, Working Plan & Research Circle (Member Secretary) Forest Advisory Committee.
- 4. Dy.Chief Engineer, S&C-III, Northern Railway, Jammu Tawi.
- 5. Spl. Assistant to Hon'ble Forest Minister.
- 6. Pvt. Secretary to Principal Secretary (Forests).
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Under Secretary to Government,

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- 3. Conservator of Forests, West Circle, Rajouri.
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