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CIVIL SECRETARIAT FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Sub:- Diversion of 27 hac. of protected Area land in Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Construction of Road from Phobrang to Marsimikla by ITBP.

Ref:- Decision of the 47th Meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee Meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary in Srinagar on 08.10.2009 (Agenda item No. 47.24 sup)

Government Order No: 438 - FST of 2009

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Sanction is accorded to use of 27 hac. of protected Area land in Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for Construction of Road from Phobrang to Marsimikla by ITBP subject to the following terms and conditions: -

- i. The status of land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. User Agency will pay 5% of the cost of the project to the Department of Wildlife Protection, Jammu & Kashmir Government for Conservation and Preservation of Wildlife and its habitat in the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary.
- iii. For use of the non-forestry land falling within the sanctuary the NPV will be deposited in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund as per Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 28.03.2008 in the NPV matter.
- iv. The user agency should follow the Eco-friendly Engineering practices during the construction.
- v. The Project staff and labourers involved in the construction will be informed about the Do's and Don'ts in Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary.
- vi. Local people should be given preference in employment to minimize the impact on Wildlife due influx of outside people.
- vii. The construction debris or muck generated due to the construction of road will be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner in consultation with the Regional Wildlife Warden, Ladakh, Leh or his representative.

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- viii. Environmental Monitoring Committee will be constituted comprising the representative of the user agency, Wildlife Officials and representatives of environmental NGOs working in Ladakh under the Chairmanship of the Regional Wildlife Warden, Ladakh.
- ix. Poaching by anyone, particularly by the road construction workers will be strictly prevented. Any case of poaching during the construction of the roads, the ITBP/BRO as the case may be would be held responsible.
- x. Pastures, wetlands and marches would be avoided by diverting the road routes to skirt the pastures.
- xi. The ITBP would see that littering of any kind is strictly avoided by its staff and also by construction workers. All waste material such as plastic, tar barrels, gunny sacks, bottles, tin cans etc. would be properly disposed of. No waste material will be left either near or away from the road in the Sanctuary.
- xii. As the shrubs and bushes grow very slowly in the cold desert, the ITBP will see that minimum damage is done to the local flora. Cutting of local flora by construction worker would be strictly prohibited. The concerned officials of the ITBP would conduct surprise checks, in collaboration with the Regional Wildlife Warden or his representative to see that no damage is done to the flora and fauna.
- xiii. Coordination Committee at the District level under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Leh comprising authorities from Armed Forces, Paramilitary forces and State authorities viz DFO, Wildlife Warden would be established to meet on regular basis and sort out problems and work out common strategies for Wildlife Conservation.



- xiv. Road constructed must be made available to the Wildlife Authorities to visit forward areas on regular basis.
- xv. The user agency will report compliances regularly to the Wildlife Protection Department.
- xvi. The user agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other Law in vogue

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

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Comm./Secretary to Govt.,
Forest Department

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Copy for information and necessary action to the:-

1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K, Jammu.
2. Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K, Jammu for information. He is requested to furnish proposals as follow up wherever needed. Besides a detailed report on Census of Wildlife in the Changthang Area so that same is placed before the Advisory Committee in its next meeting, as desired by it.
3. Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Ladakh
4. ITBP, C/o 56 APO.
5. Conservator of Forests, Working Plan and Research Circle (Member Secretary Forest Advisory Committee)
6. Special Assistant to Hon'ble Forest Minister.
7. Pvt Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary Forests
8. Government Order file/Stock file.

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