

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Civil Secretariat Forest Department

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Subject:- Diversion of 124.80 hectare of Protected area land in Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Chushmule Demchok road by 753-BRTF.

Reference:- Decision in 17th Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife held on 22-12-2009.

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Sanction is hereby accorded for diversion of 124.80 hectare of Protected area land in Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary for construction of Chushmule Demchok road by 753-BRTF subject to the following conditions:-

- a) The user agency will pay 5% (Rs. 12.249 crores) of the estimated cost of the project (Rs. 244.98 crores) to the Department for conservation and preservation of wildlife and its habitat in the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary.
- b) The user agency will also pay NPV (Net Present Value) @ 5 time Rs. 6.99 lacs per hectare to the Wildlife Protected Department in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court i.e. 43.6176 crores.
- c) The user agency, while implementing the road constructions project, will abide by the orders issued or to be issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court Protected Act, 1978 (Amended upto 2002) strictly.
- d) The user agency will follow the eco friendly engineering practices during the construction.
- e) The project staff & laborers involved in the construction of the road will be informed about the do's & don'ts in Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary.
- f) Local people will be given preference in employment to minimize the impact on wildlife due to influx of outside people.
- g) Any form of poaching by anyone, particularly by the road construction workers, will be strictly prevented. In the event of any case of poaching noticed during the construction of the roads, the BRO would be held responsible. This is being mentioned because of reported killing of marmots by road workers.
- h) Pastures, wetlands and marshes would be avoided by diverting the road routes to skirt the pastures. These habitats are important not only to wildlife but also locals people whose livestock have been sustained by these pastures and wetlands for ages.
- i) The construction debris generated due to the construction of road will be disposed of in an environmental friendly manner in consultation with the Conservator of Forests (WL), Ladakh or his representative.

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- j) The user agency will ensure that littering of any kind is strictly avoided by its staff and also by construction workers. All the material such as plastics, 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.
- k) The user agency will ensure that minimum damage is done to the local flora. Cutting of local flora by construction workers would be strictly prohibited. The concerned officials of the BRO would conduct surprise checks, in collaboration with the Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Ladakh or his representative to see that no damage is caused to the flora and fauna.
- l) Environment Monitoring Committee will be constituted comprising of representative(s) of the user agency and wildlife officials under the representative of environmental NGOs working in Ladakh will also be included in the said committee.
- m) Since conservation in remote areas like Ladakh can only be achieved by cooperation between the armed forces, para-military forces and the state authorities, there must be regular meetings where common issues could be resolved and the cooperation and commitment of the forces posted in forward and wildlife areas would be attained. In fact, a coordination Committee representing these organizations could be established so that they could meet on a regular basis and sort out problems and work out common strategies for wildlife conservation. The armed forces could make invaluable contribution in this regard.
- n) The border road that may come up and those existing in the area must be made available for usage to the State Wildlife Department so that they could visit these forward areas on a regular basis.
- o) The BRO shall be responsible for the conduct of the manpower that would be deployed for the projects during the entire period of execution. The workers will be housed in locations that would be approved by the Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Ladakh and would not cause any undue disturbance nor fire and will not poach wildlife nor cut or remove any vegetation.
- p) As human habitation is invariably followed by dogs which harass and even kill wildlife, it must be ensured that domestic dogs do not live in any labour camps or any habitation created for these projects.
- q) No quarrying for stones shall be permissible in the Sanctuary.
- r) As far as possible, the cut and fill method for widening and construction of road should be employed.
- s) Only controlled blasting, if necessary, should be undertaken, and all disturbances should be minimized to the extent possible.
- t) The possession of the protected area land diverted for non-forestry purpose under the order of the Competent Authority shall not be handed over to the user agency till all the payments due against compensation of trees, NPV/Compensation of land, compensatory afforestation costs are deposited with the Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K Wildlife department. Before handing over the possession of the land in question it should be further ensured that there are no outstanding

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dues with the said user agency in respect of the cases sanction in the past.

- u) The amount on account of various Heads to be paid by the user agency as detailed above shall be deposited with the Chief Wildlife Warden J&K.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

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(Shantmanu) IAS
Commissioner/Secretary to Government
Forest Department

No.: FST/Land/37/2006-I

Dated: 19-05-2010

Copy to the:-

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2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests J&K, Jammu/192
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K).
4. Deputy Inspector General (Ops) ITBP, CGO complex, New Delhi.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Srinagar.
6. Director Soil Conservation, J&K Jammu.
7. Managing Director, State Forest Corporation, J&K Jammu.
8. Conservator of Forests Working Plan Circle.
9. Joint General Manager, NPCC Ltd. Faridabad, Haryana.
10. Director General Roads, Seema Sadak Bhawan, Ring Road Delhi.
11. Officer Commander 753, BRTF C/o 56 APO.
12. Major Adjutant for Commanding Officer, 120 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO.
13. Special Assistant to Hon'ble Forests Minister.
14. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary Forests.
15. P.A to Special Secretary Forest (Technical)
16. Government/Stock file.

At the 19.5.2010.
Special Secretary (Technical)
Forest Department

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
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Dated: 10 .06.2010

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1. Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K, Srinagar.
2. Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir.
3. Conservator of Forests, Working Plan & Research Circle, Srinagar.
4. Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, Srinagar.
5. Divisional Forest Officer, Leh Forest Division.
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Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)
& Nodal Officer
(Member Secy. Forest Adv. Committee)

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