

Government of Jammu and Kashmir Department of Forests, Environment and Ecology Civil Secretariat

Subject:

Use of 27.825 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Shahsitar to K.G. Top by GREF in Poonch Forest Division.

Reference:

- (i) Minutes of the 83rd Forest Advisory Committee Meeting held on 07.02.2014 under Chairmanship of Chief Secretary issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)/Nodal Officer vide No. PCCF/FCA/1936/3028-43 dated 20.02.2014 Agenda No. 83.01.
- (ii) Cabinet Decision No. 59/05/2014 dated 24.02.2014.
- (iii) No. PCCF/FCA/1459/1061-64 dated 09.08.2014 received from Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K.

Government Order No: 36- FST of 2014

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Sanction is hereby accorded to the use of 27.825 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Shahsitar to K.G. Top by GREF in Compartments No. 223, 235, 236, 241/ Haveli, 172, 173, 187, 188, 189/ Mendhar, 250/ Surankote Block Jhullas, Khanater, Salawah, Ramkund, Gani & Samote, Range Haveli, Mendher and Surankote of Poonch Forest Division, subject to the following terms and conditions:-

- (i) The proprietary and legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The forest land shall be utilized only for the purpose for which it has been indented under close supervision of the concerned Forest Department Officers.
- (iii) 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.

(iv) The User Agency has paid the following amount prior to execution of the project:-

	Total:	₹ 3,63,38,593/-
iv	Road side avenue plantation	₹ 90,00,000/-
iii	Compensatory Afforestation	₹ 38,95,500/-
ii	Compensation of trees/poles	₹ 23,37,368/-
i	Net Present Value	₹ 2,11,05,725/-

(v) (a) Number of Trees / Poles / saplings involved:

Species	Trees (30-40cm & above)	Poles (20-30cm & 10-20cm)	Saplings (0-10cm)	Total 501
Chir green				
Broad-leaved	25	100	333	458
Oak, Korkana, Kander, Bagnu,				
Chandra, Kankoli, Baral				
· Total:	203	319	437	959

Note:- Besides, 6798 number of bushes are also involved.

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- (b) The extraction of the trees/ poles shall be done by the State Forest Corporation/ Divisional Forest Officer concerned on the basis of markings administratively approved by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu. The cost of extraction and transportation shall be paid by the User Agency directly to the agency executing the extraction.
- (vi) The User Agency shall construct retaining breast walls on forest land and take all necessary steps to check soil erosion which may result due to proposed construction of the road in consultation with the Soil Conservation Department. The Forest Department shall take due cognizance under law for any laxity on this account on the part of the User Agency which might trigger soil erosion in the area.
- (vii) The User Agency in view of the reduced Road Land Width, shall get the DPR revised and approved by the competent authority prior to the execution of the project.
- (viii) The User Agency shall be responsible for the eco-restoration of the muck dumping sites identified on forest land through engineering and biological means and by keeping due provision in the revised DPR for the same.
- (ix) 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 @ 10 times the standard rate of 1992.
- 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.
- (xi) The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue before commissioning of the project.
- (xii) (a) The User Agency shall clear FCA outstanding amounting to ₹ 11.52 crores (as on 01/02/2014) for the GREF.
 - (b) This is in line with the assurance given by the Secy. (Forests) to the CAG Public Accounts Committee in the meeting held on 10-11-2012.
- (xiii) User Agency will transport the saplings falling in the alignment of the proposed road in adjacent forest area.

By Order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Sd/-

(Muhammad Afzal), IAS

Secretary to Government,

Department of Forests, Environment and Ecology

Dated: 15.10.2014

No: FST/Land/03/2014

Copy to the:-

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J & K-Srinagar.

- Special Secretary (Technical) Forest Department, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar. 2.
- 3. Officer on Special Duty with the Hon'ble Minister for Forests.
- Principal Private Secretary to Chief Secretary (Chairman, FAC).
- Divisional Forest Officer, Poonch Forest Division.
- Officer Commanding, 79 RCC (GREF) C/o 56 APO.
- Private Secretary to Secretary to Government, Forest Department.
- Government Order file/Stock file.

(Amreet Singh) KAS Deputy Secretary to Government,

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

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