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Subject: Use of 0.405 hectare of forest land for laying of 132 KV T/L from South Portal to Switch Yard by NHAI in Udhampur Forest Division.

Reference: (i) Minutes of the 89th Forest Advisory Committee Meeting held on 08.07.2015 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary J&K (Chairman, FAC), issued by the Chief Conservator of Forests/ Nodal Officer (FCA) vide No. PCCF/FCA/2029/1274-93 dated 20.7.2015 (Agenda No.89.03).
(ii) Cabinet Decision No. 108/08/2015, dated 19.08.2015.
(iii) Letter No. PCCF/FCA/1945/1658-60 dated 03.9.2015 received from Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K.

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Government Order No: 252 - FST of 2015
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Sanction is hereby, accorded to the use of 0.405 hectare of forest land for laying of 132 KV T/L from South Portal to Switch Yard by NHAI, in Udhampur Forest Division, subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1.	User Agency/Applicant	NHAI				
2.	Location:					
	District	Forest Division	Comptts.	Range	Block	
	Udhampur	Udhampur	89/d	Dudu	Kud	
3.	Whether the area involved forms part of the wildlife Protected Area.	No				
4.	Salient features of the project:					
	1. Specifications: 132 kV Transmission Line					
	2. Total length of the Transmission Line (T/L)	= 579 Mtrs.				
	3. Length of T/L passing through forest area	= 150 Mtrs.				
	4. Width of the T/L (ROW)	= 27 Mtrs.				
	5. Forest area involved under corridor:	= 0.405 Ha				
5.	Division-wise Number of Trees / Poles/ Saplings involved.					
	Division	Species	Trees (30-40cm & above)	Poles (20-30cm & 10-20cm)	Saplings (0-10cm)	Total
	Udhampur	Chir	19	332	2	353
		Kail	0	1	0	1
		B/L	1	13	30	44
		Total	20	346	32	398
	*Out of 398 Trees/poles/saplings approx 174 no. of trees are expected to be felled. However, exact number of trees to be felled will be assessed at the time of marking as mentioned under para (f) of the Terms & Conditions.					

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Net present value of forest land involved;							
Forest Division	Comptt.	Forest Area involved	Crop Density	Eco-Class	NPV (Rs. In lacs/ Ha)	Total Amount (Rs. In Lacs)	
6. Udhampur	89/d	0.405	Very Dense	VI	9.91	4,01,355/-	
<i>Total:-</i>						4,01,355/-	
7.	Compensatory Afforestation:			Nil (as the area involved is less than 1 hectare.)			
08.	Compensation of Trees/Poles/Saplings			Rs.1,41,000/-			

2. The proprietary and legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
3. The forest land shall be utilized only for the purpose for which it has been indented, that too under close supervision and periodical spot inspection of the concerned Forest Department Officers. The reports of the concerned DCF shall be submitted to the FAC Cell in the office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K with copies to the Administrative Department.
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 user Agency has made the payment in full of the amount summarized below, as reported by the Nodal Officer FCA, vide letter mentioned at Ref. (iii).

S.No.	Component	Amount In (Rs.)
i	Net Present Value	Rs. 4,01,355/-
ii	Compensation of trees	Rs. 1,41,000/-
<i>Total:-</i>		Rs. 5,42,355 /-

6. Construction, if any, approved in the proposal will be allowed on the forest land only after Govt. sanction is issued.
7. 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.*
8. Extraction shall be done as per guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests vide its no. F.No. 7-25/2012-FC dated 5th May 2014, which has been formulated in consultation with the Central Electricity Authority. Extraction will be carried out in following steps:
 - (i) *Marking list for felling of trees will be prepared by the local forest officer (DFO concerned) for the felling of trees coming in the alignment of location of foundation of towers and along the strip, as per requirement of the User Agency. Fundamental rule for the marking will be to save maximum number of trees without compromising with the construction and maintenance of the transmission line.*
 - (ii) *Forest area required for foundation of the towers and three meter strip below each conductor bundle, which would be marked by the User Agency on the ground, will be cleared first. Trees on this area will be felled, but after stringing work is completed,*

natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Felling/ pollarding/ pruning of tress will be done with the permission of the DFO concerned wherever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance. One outer strip will be left clear to permit maintenance of transmission line.

- (iii) During construction of transmission line, pollarding/ pruning of trees located outside the width (three mtr) of the strips, whose branches/parts infringe with conductor stringing, shall be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by the local forest officer.
- (iv) Pruning of trees for taking construction/ stringing equipments through existing approach/ access routes in forest areas shall also be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by the local forest officer. Construction of new approach/ access route will however, require prior approval under the Act.
- (v) In the remaining width of right of way, trees will be felled or lopped to the extent required, for preventing electrical hazards by maintaining 4.0 meter of minimum clearance between conductor and trees.
- (vi) To avoid any hazard, felling/cutting/pruning of those trees which because of their height/ location may fall on conductors shall also be permitted, as may be decided by the local forest officer.
- (vii) In the case of transmission lines to be constructed in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees will not be cut except those minimum required to be cut for stringing of conductors.

9. 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 of the line. 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.
10. 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.
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. The sanction will remain valid for one year.

By order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

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Principal Secretary to Government
Department of Forest, Environment & Ecology

No: EST/Land/51/2015

Dated: 11.09.2015

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1. Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, New Delhi.
2. Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi.
3. Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, New Delhi.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K, Srinagar.

5. Director, Department of Soil & Water Conservation, J&K, Srinagar.
6. Managing Director, State Forest Corporation, J&K, Srinagar.
7. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu/ Kashmir.
8. CCF/ Nodal Officer, FCA, office of the PCCF, J&K, Srinagar
9. Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K, Srinagar.
10. Project Director, NHAI, Jammu.
11. Officer on Special Duty with the Hon'ble Minister for Forests, Environment, Ecology.
12. Principal Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC).
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