



**Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Forest , Ecology & Environment Department,
Civil Secretariat, J&K, Srinagar.**

Subject:-

Removal of Social Forestry trees falling under jurisdiction of Social Forestry Division , Ramban for construction of 132 KV/DC transmission line from Ramban to Sangaldan in Social Forestry Division, Ramban by PDD (for Konkan Railway)

Reference:

- i. Minutes of 115th Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) Meeting held on 18.09.2019 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC) issued by Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer vide No. PCCF/FCA/2977/3356-85 dated 25.09.2019.
- ii. State Administrative Council Decision No. 229/22/2019 dated 22.10.2019 conveyed by the General Administration Department.
- iii. State Administrative Council Decision No. 189/19/2019 dated 30.07.2019 conveyed by General Administration Department.

**Government Order No:- 472 -FST of 2019
Dated:- 25 -10-2019**

Sanction is hereby accorded to the removal of Social Forestry trees falling under jurisdiction of Social Forestry Division , Ramban for construction of 132KV/DC transmission line from Ramban to Sangaldan in Social Forestry Division, Ramban by PDD (for Konkan Railway), with the following particulars and subject to the terms and conditions given hereunder:-

Details of the Proposal:

1.	User Agency/Applicant	JK PDD	
2.	Location	Range : Social Forestry Range Ramban and Batote Division : Social Forestry Division, Ramban District : Ramban	
3.	Objective	To provide power supply to proposed grid Station of M/S Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) at Sangaldan	
4.	Salient Features of the project:		
	1	Total Length of the transmission line	17.58 Km
	2	Length of transmission line passing through Social Forestry Closure	495 meters
	3	Width	27.00 meters
	4	Forest land required for muck dumping site	Nil (As per certificate given by the user agency disposal of the muck/malba excavated from the pits, needs to be excavated for casting of

		foundation of 132 KV Ramban-Sangaldan Railway Transmission line.
5	Total Land required for the project	1.3365 Ha of SF closure passing through transmission line.

5. Number of Trees / Poles/ Saplings involved:

Species	Trees (30-40cm & above)	Poles (20-30cm & 10-20cm)	Saplings (0-10cm)	Total
<u>Broad Leaved:</u> Kahu (<i>Oleo cuspidata</i>) Kikar (<i>Robinia spp</i>) etc	01	04	147	152
Total	01	04	147	152

6.	a	Whether the forest land proposed to be used for non-forest purpose forms part of a natural reserve, national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve or forms part of the habitat of any endangered or threatened species of flora and fauna or any area lying in severely eroded catchment.	No
	b	Whether the use of any forest land is for agriculture purposes or for the rehabilitation of displaced persons.	No
	c	Whether the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests had certified that it has, considered all other alternatives and that no other alternative in circumstances are feasible and that the required area is the minimum needed for the purpose, and	Yes
	d	Whether the department or authority requisitioning forest land for non-forest uses undertakes to provide at its own cost acquisition of an equivalent area and afforestation thereof.	The User Agency requisitioning forest land for non-forest purpose has not undertaken to provide an equivalent area at its own cost of acquisition. It has however agreed to provide cost of afforestation on double the forest area. Further it has also undertaken to pay the NPV as per the Hon'ble Supreme court directions.

7.	Net Present Value of forest land involved:				
	Division	Area involved (Ha.)	Crop Density	Eco-Value Class	Rate/ Ha (Rs. In Lac)
	Social Forestry Division Ramban	1.3365	Open	VI	6.99
8.	Compensatory Afforestation for double the area i.e 2.673 Ha of forest land @ Rs. 1 lac per hectare.				Rs. 9,34,214/-
9.	Compensation of trees/poles/saplings				Rs. 2,67,300/-
10.	Cost of Transplanting of Saplings				Rs. 59,338 /-
					Rs. 73,500/-

The User Agency shall pay the amount summarized below to the Forest Department.

S.No.	Component	Amount
i.	Net Present Value	Rs. 9,34,214/-/-
ii.	Compensatory Afforestation	Rs. 2,67,300/-
iii.	Compensation of trees	Rs. 59,338 /-
iv.	Cost of Transplanting of Saplings	Rs. 73,500/-
Total		Rs. 13,34,352/-

Terms and Conditions:-

1. The proprietary and legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency and /or its contractors will not bring any forest area under their use, other than the actual area/activity approved by the Government for the instant proposal. Any laxity or deviation on this account by the User Agency or its contractors will attract penal provisions of the relevant Acts/legal provisions.
3. The forest land shall be utilized only for the purpose for which it has been indented.
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 shall pay the amount summarized above to the Forest Department.
6. The User Agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined as per decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
7.
 - (i) The extraction of the trees /poles/saplings 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 marking for tree felling will be done in consultation with the user agency and effort shall be made to save maximum number of trees/poles/saplings. The cost of extraction shall be paid by the User Agency directly to the agency executing the extraction.

- (ii) The fundamental rule for marking of trees, enumerated during processing of the proposals, will be to save maximum number of trees without compromising with

the construction and maintenance of the approved project structure and no trees/poles/saplings will be felled/cut/pruned/ lopped for purposes/project activities other than those approved/sanctioned.

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 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 trees 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 mt) of the strips, whose branches/parts infringe with conductor string, shall be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by 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 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 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.

10. Any damage done to the forest by the User Agency or its contractors shall be charged from the User Agency @ 10 times as per the revised standard rate of 2018 issued vide the Government Order No: 10-FST of 2018 dated: 09.01.2018.

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. An Rs. 13,34,352/- on account of various heads as detailed in summary table above shall be paid/credited through e-transaction into the account of the Chief Accounts Officer in the office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K under intimation to the Nodal Officer FCA.
14. The approval will remain valid for one year and in case the due amount against the project summarized above is not paid within the stipulated period, the approval shall be deemed to have been cancelled.

By Order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Sd/-

(Manoj Kumar Dwivedi) IAS
Commissioner / Secretary to Government
Forest, Env. & Ecology Department.

No: FST/Land/41/2019

Dated:- 25 -10-2019.

Copy to the:-

1. Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi.
2. Commissioner/Secretary to Government, PDD Department.
3. Managing Director, SFC, J&K, Srinagar.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K, Srinagar.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.
6. CCF/Nodal Officer, FCA, office of the PCCF, J&K, Srinagar.
7. Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums J&K, Srinagar.
8. OSD to Hon'ble Advisor(K) for information of Hon'ble Advisor
9. Chief Engineer, PDD, Jammu.
10. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary (Chairman FAC).
11. Private Secretary to Comm./Secretary to Government, Department of Forests, Environment & Ecology
12. P.A to Secretary (Technical) Department of Forest, Environment & Ecology.
13. Government order file.(w.2.s.c)

Under Secretary to Government
Forest, Environment & Ecology Department

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests J&K, Jammu

No: PCCF/FCA/2926/ 6334-30

Dated: 29-11-2019

Copy of above forwarded for necessary action to the:

1. PCCF/Director Social Forestry Department, J&K.
2. Chief Engineer, System and Operation Wing, Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department, Jammu.
3. Regional Director, Social Forestry Department, Jammu.
4. Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry Division, Ramban.
5. Executive Engineer, TLMD-III, Udhampur.

(Section Officer)
FCA Section.