

**File No. FST-land0FC/109/2021-02-O/o Forest Department**  
**Government of Jammu and Kashmir,**  
**Forest, Ecology & Environment Department**  
**Civil Secretariat, J&K Jammu**

**Subject:** Use of 1.9891 ha of forest land in favour of National Highways Authority of India, for development of package-15 (Km 468+100 to Km 503+250) of Phase-II of Delhi-Katra Expressway, under Kathua and Samba Forest Division, District Kathua and Samba.

**Reference:**

1. Online Proposal No. FP/JK/Road/142566/2021.
2. Stage-I (In-principle) approval conveyed vide letter No. 9-JKB-090/2021-Jammu 28.12.2021 by Regional Officer, IRO Jammu, MoEF&CC.
3. Stage-II approval conveyed vide letter No. 9-JKB-090/2021-Jammu dated 30.08.2022 by Regional Officer, IRO Jammu, MoEF&CC.

**Government Order No:- 158 -JK(FST) of 2022**  
**Dated:- 19 -10-2022**

Sanction is hereby accorded to the use of 1.9891 ha of forest land in favour of National Highways Authority of India, for development of package-15 (Km 468+100 to Km 503+250) of Phase-II of Delhi-Katra Expressway, under Kathua and Samba Forest Division, District Kathua and Samba with the following particulars and subject to the fulfilment of terms and conditions appearing hereinafter:

1.	User Agency/Applicant	National Highway Authority of India		
2.	Compartment no.	<b>Division</b>	<b>Compartments</b>	
		Kathua	Bein Forest Closure	
		Samba	01/Aik closure	
3.	<b>Salient Features of the project:</b>			
	<b>Forest Division</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Forest area(Ha)</b>	
	Kathua	Bein Forest Closure	0.6642	
	Samba	01/Aik Closure	1.3249	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1.9891</b>	

**Terms and conditions:-**

- i. Legal and proprietary status of the forest land will remain unchanged
- ii. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose other than that mentioned in the proposal.
- iii. The User Agency and Forest Department shall comply with the terms and conditions enlisted in the letter conveying Stage-II approval issued by Regional Officer, IRO Jammu, (MoEF&CC) mentioned at Ref. 3 (copy enclosed).





- iv. Regarding extraction, following shall be the procedure :
- a) The extraction of the trees/poles/saplings shall be done by the J&K Forest Development Corporation/Divisional Forest Officer concerned on the basis of markings administratively approved by the competent authority. 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.
  - b) 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.
- v. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land and all efforts shall be made to save the adjoining forest and forest land.
- vi. The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, and any other clearances under relevant Acts/Rules/court's Rulings/instructions, etc., as applicable to this proposal
- vii. 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.
- viii. Any other condition that MoEFCC or its Regional Office may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-

( Sanjeev Verma ) IAS  
Commissioner/ Secretary to Government,  
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department

Dated: 19-10-2022

No. FST-Land0FC/109/2021-02

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2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HOFF), J&K ([pccfjkforest@gmail.com](mailto:pccfjkforest@gmail.com)).
3. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
4. APCCF/Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer J&K (FCA) ([ccffcajk1@gmail.com](mailto:ccffcajk1@gmail.com))
6. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary.
7. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department J&K.
8. Private Secretary to Special Secretary (Technical), Forest, Ecology & Environment Department.
9. National Highway Authority of India, H/No. 315, sec-1 Channi Himmat, District Jammu, UT of Jammu and Kashmir ([piujammu@gmail.com](mailto:piujammu@gmail.com)).
10. Govt. Order File (w.2.s.c)/Stock file.

(Fayaz Ahmad Qureshi)

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, जम्मू / Integrated Regional Office, Jammu



File No: 9-JKB-090/2021-Jammu

August, 2022

To,

Commissioner Secretary,  
Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment,  
U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir,  
Civil Secretariat  
Jammu & Kashmir  
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Sub: **Diversion of 1.9891 ha of forest land in favour of National Highway Authority of India, for development of package-15 (Km 468+100 to Km 503+250) of phase-II of Delhi-Katra Expressway, under Kathua and Samba Forest Division, District-Kathua and Samba, UT of Jammu & Kashmir (Online proposal no. FP/JK/Road/142566/2021)-reg.**

Ref: i) UT Admin of J&K online proposal received on dated 24.11.2021  
ii) In-principle approval dated 28.12.2021  
iii) Letter of Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, Govt. of J&K, no. FST-Land0FC/109/2021-02 Dated 23.08.2022

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited subject and letters seeking prior approval of the Central government for the diversion of Forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Vide this office letter of even no dated 28.12.2021 in principle approval was accorded. The compliance of stage-I was received vide letter no. FST-Land0FC/109/2021-02 Dated 23.08.2022

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the UT Administration, approval is hereby conveyed for diversion of **1.9891 ha** of forest land for the above-mentioned project, subject to the following conditions;

- i. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
- ii. Minimum number of trees/plants and in any case not more than **30 trees and 762 poles in Kathua division and 44 trees and 454 poles in Samba division** will be felled.
- iii. The UT Govt shall upload the KML files of the degraded forest area accepted for raising compensatory afforestation as well as the forest area proposed for diversion in the extant proposal in the E-Green watch portal.
- iv. No muck shall be dumped in the forest land in context of the undertaking submitted by User Agency.
- v. The DFO shall ensure that user agency shall not dump muck on forest land.
- vi. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose than that mentioned in the proposal.

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- The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or persons without approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- viii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
  - ix. The user agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road at the project cost as per IRC specification with maintenance of seven to ten years.
  - x. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land.
  - xi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
  - xii. The user agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased on the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court.
  - xiii. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
  - xiv. Compensatory afforestation will be carried out in two different patches of Degraded Forest Land (DFL) in two districts/forest divisions involved-upon **2.65 ha** in Samba district on Comp no. 15/D, Village-Sumbli, Tehsil- Bari Brahmana, District-Samba at the cost of Rs.5,30,000 and upon **2 ha** in Kathua district on Comp no. 75/J, Jasrota forest range, Tehsil- Hiranagar, District- Kathua at the cost of Rs.4,00,000 paid by the User Agency.
  - xv. DFO shall ensure that compensatory afforestation will be done within one year from final approval over the extent of land as approved, out of the funds provided by the user agency.
  - xvi. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the direction of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
  - xvii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction material for execution of the project work.
  - xviii. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from the time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
  - xix. It will be the responsibility of the UT Administration/User Agency to obtain all other prior approvals/clearances under all other relevant Acts/Rules/ Court's rulings/instructions, etc. including environmental clearance, as applicable to this proposal.
3. The Ministry may revoke/suspend the clearance if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. **UT Administration shall ensure fulfilment of these conditions through forest department.**

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-

Signed by Raja Ram Singh  
Date: 30-08-2022 12:45:47  
Reason: Approved

(Raja Ram Singh)  
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**IRO Jammu**



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5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Kathua and Samba Forest Division and District Kathua and Samba, UT of Jammu and Kashmir.
6. National Highway Authority of India, H/No. 315, sec-1 Channi Himmat, District-Jammu, UT of Jammu and Kashmir (piujammu@gmail.com).

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Dated: 22-10-2022

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