

Subject: Diversion of 162.44 Hec. of forest land for 800 KV Kishenpur- Moga Transmission Line

Reference: Administrative Council Decision NC:41

Dated: 7-4-1991.

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO: 122/- FST OF 1991

D. A. T. E. D.: 13-4-1991

Sanction is accorded to the transfer of 162.44 Hec. of forest land falling under Kathua Jammu and Udhampur Forest Divisions to the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation for non forestry purposes in connection with construction of 800 KV Transmission Line from Kishenpur(J&K) to Moga(Punjab) on the following terms and conditions:-

i/ The legal status of the forest land would remain unchanged;

ii/ The maximum width permitted for the right of way would be 85 metres;

iii/ The tree growth clearance over 3 metres wide strip below each conductor is permitted only for taking the tension stringing equipment. But after the stringing work is completed, the natural regeneration would be allowed to come up over the cleared strip;

iv/ Within the right of way with the permission of local Forest Officer, trees would be felled or lopped to provide 5.5 metres minimum clearance from the conductors to prevent electrical hazards;

v/ In case the transmission line involved some hilly areas, where such clearance from the conductors was already available, trees would not be cut;

vi/ A firewood depot would be opened by the Project authorities to supply firewood to the labourers working on the site and no damage would be done to the adjoining forests;

vii/ Compensatory plantations would be raised over 335 ha degraded forest area at the cost of the Project. If the degraded forest area is not available for compensatory afforestation, NHPC would transfer an amount of Rs. 108.79 lakhs to the State Forest Department.

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The amount of Rs. 108.79 lakhs, which will be transferred by the NHPC to the Forest Department, will be utilized by the Forest Department entirely on compensatory afforestation (double the area transferred to NHPC) which would be in addition to the afforestation to be undertaken by it within its normal schedule.

By order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Sd/-

Commr/Secretary to Government
Forest Department

NO: F&T-Land/89

DATED: 13-5-1991

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