## GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR CIVIL SECTT: FOREST DEPARTMENT.

Subject:- Diversion of forest land for construction of Gulmarg Asha Road.

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO.257 - FST OF 2006 D A T E D: /8 - 05 - 2006

Sanction is accorded to diversion of forest land measuring 21.735 hectares of forest area falling under compartment Nos 33, 34, 35/Gulmarg of PP Forest Division and Compartment NOs 23a/Bla and 24/Bla of JV Forest Division, for construction of Gulmarg Asha road by GREF authorities, on the following conditions.

1. The proprietary status of forest land shall remain unchanged.

2. The forest land so diverted shall be utilized only for the purpose for which it has been diverted. It shall not be transferred to any other agency without approval of the Forest Department.

3. The forest land so diverted shall not be mortgaged, reassigned or sub-leased by user agency in any manner what so ever to any other agency.

4. The user agency shall pay Rs. 52,46,085/- (Rs. Fifty-two lac forty-six thousand eighty-five only) on account of compensation of 153 numbers of trees of different species and dia classes at the rate of 2 times of the standard rate of 1992.

5. The user agency shall pay Rs. 9,71,525/- (Nine lac seventy-one thousand five hundred and twenty-five only) towards compensatory afforestation to be carried over 43.47 ha of degraded forest land.

6. The User Agency shall pay Net present value of the land to be calculated by the concerned DFO as per Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 30-10-2002 in I.A. No: 566 in Writ Petition (Civil) No: 202 of 1995 titled T.N.Godavarman Thirumlakpad V/S Union of India chargeable within the range of Rs. 5.80 lacs to Rs. 9.20 lacs per ha depending upon the quality and density of the forests.

7. The user agency shall construct complete retaining/breast walls on the both sides of the road/railway line/earth work/tunneling etc., and take other necessary steps, so as to minimize soil erosion/land slips. In this regard, the user agency shall seek technical guidance from Director, Soil Conservation Department, J&K.

8. The extraction of trees shall be done by State Forest Corporation/Forest Department on the basis of marking list approved by Conservator of Forests, Working Plan Circle.

9. 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 at the rate of ten times the standard rate of 1992 as penalty.

10. The forest land so diverted shall return to the Forest Department when it is no longer required by the User Agency without any cost.

11. The possession of Forest land diverted for non-forestry purpose under the orders of the competent authority, should not be handed over to the user agency till all payments due against Compensation of trees, NPV/Compensation of land, Compensatory afforestation costs etc are not deposited with Chief Accounts Officer in the office of the PCCF. Before handing over the possession of the Forest land it should be further ensured that there are no outstanding dues with the said User Agency in respect of the cases sanctioned in the past.

12. The mode of payment of compensatory afforestation shall be according to Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) rules and shall be communicated lateron.

13. The user agency shall get done Environment Impact Assessment & also prepare the Environment Management Plan as required under the Environment Protection Act before taking up the execution of work.

14. In such proposals where he soil cutting/felling is likely to be involved, the user agency shall formulate appropriate Conservation Management Plan with the consultation of Soil Conservation Department Conservation of the same, alongwith the other

terms and conditions put by the Advisory Committee, shall be monitored by a committee of officials comprising of one official from Soil Conservation Department.

15. The user agency should ensure the availability of funds under appropriate heads for making payments due to the Forest Department as per the conditions stipulated in the order of transfer of forest land.

The proposal stands cleared/approved by the Advisory Committee in its 33rd meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary on 29.03.2006.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Se necolal No. 1635.

(Najamus Saqib),IAS Commissioner/Secretary to Government, Forest Department.

Dated: 12 .05. 2006.

NO: FST/Land/32/2006

Copy to the:-

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

- 2. Conservator of Forests, Working Plan and Research Circle (Member Secretary) Advisory Committee.
- 3. Spl. Assistant to Hon'ble Forest Minister.
- 4. Pvt. Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary (Forests.)

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- 5. PA to Secretary (Tech.) Forests.
- 6. PA to Deputy Secretary (Forests.)
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(Rukhsana Gani),KAS

Deputy Secretary to Government,

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Copy for information and necessary action strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions as provided in the body of Govt. order and ensure early recoveries before the area is handed over to the user agency forwarded to:-

- 1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir.
- 2. Conservator of forests, Kmr. North Circle, Sopore.
- 3. Conservator of forests, Working Plan Circle(Member Secy. Advisory Committee).
- 4. Divisional Forest Officer, J.V. Forest Division, Baramulla.
- 5. Divisional Forest Officer, P.P. Forest Division Budgam.

6. Officer Commanding, 109 RCC GREF C/o 56 APO

(Suresh. Kr. Gupta)IFS | Wodal Officer