

ORDER No: 48 - FCA of 2013

D A T E D: 07 -01-2013

Sub: - Use of 2.16 hectare of forest land for construction of road from Kotli to Shikari road by PWD (R&B) Forest Division.

Ref: - CCF/JFCA/2083-87 Dated: 31.12.2012.

As recommended by the Committee of the concerned officers (constituted under Section 2 "Proviso" of Forest Conservation Act, 1997) in a meeting held on 31.12.2012 under the chairmanship of Chief Conservator of Forests, use of forest land to the extent of 2.16 Ha. from Comptt. No. 86 & 87/GG of Mahore Forest Division for construction of road from Kotli to Shikari by PWD (R&B) is allowed strictly under the provisions of J&K Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997, on the terms and conditions:

1. The proprietary and legal status of the forest land shall remain un-changed.
2. The forest land shall be utilized only for the purpose for which it has been indentured.
3. The forest land shall not be mortgaged, reassigned, leased or sub-leased by user agency in any manner whatsoever to any other agency.
4. The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value of the land to the tune of **Rs. 18,25,200/-** (@ Rs. 8.45 lac per hectare for Dense Forest and Eco Value Class V) as per Hon'ble Supreme Court Order Dt:28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in I.A. No. 826 in 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No: 202 of 1995 T.N. Godavarman Thirumalpad V/s Union of India.
5. The User Agency shall pay an amount of **Rs. 26,920/-** on account of compensation @ **two times the standard rate of 1992 for the following number of trees/poles/saplings:-**

Species	Trees (30-40cm & above)	Poles (20-30 & 10-20)	Saplings (0-10cm)	Total
Chir green	133	15	-	148
Banj green	14	-	-	14
<b>Total:</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>162</b>

6. The User Agency shall pay an amount of **Rs. 1,51,200/-** on account of Compensatory Afforestation of Degraded Forest for equivalent area allowed for use i.e. 2.16 hectare @ **Rs. 70,000/-** per hectare.
7. The extraction of trees/poles shall be done by the State Forest Corporation / Forest Department on the basis of markings administratively approved by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu. The cost of extraction and transportation shall be borne by the User Agency.
8. *The User Agency shall not be allowed to execute the work till an equivalent non-forest land of 2.16 hectare in village Channa (Khasra No. 571/13), Tehsil Mahore (already proposed as Land Bank by D.C. Reasi vide his No: DC/Rsi/12/435-38/SQ Dated:19.06.2012) is provided to the Forest Department for carrying out compensatory Afforestation in lieu of forest land allowed for use.*
9. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls/breast walls as per approved plan and design and take all necessary steps to check soil erosion which may result due to proposed construction of the road.
10. The User Agency shall not dump the debris on forest land.
11. Any damage done to the forest by the user agency or its employees and contractors or people employed by them shall be charged from user agency at the rate of ten times the standard rate of 1992.
12. 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 and after rehabilitated properly by the User Agency.
13. The User Agency shall be responsible to obtain requisite clearances under any other law in vogue.
14. (a) *The User Agency shall clear FCA outstanding amounting to Rs. 6,46,63,976/- for the cases sanctioned earlier.*  
(b) *The CCF, Jammu, shall pursue with Revenue authorities for assessment of compensation of land in the earlier cases of PWD (R&B) (Jammu Province).*  
(c) *This is in line with the assurance given by the Commissioner/ Secretary (Forests) to the CAG Public Accounts Committee in the meeting held on 10.11.2012.*
15. The money amounting to **Rs. 24,34,040/-** on account of various heads to be paid by the user agency as detailed above shall be deposited with the Chief Accounts Officer in the office of the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K, prior to the execution of the project.

By order of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu and Kashmir Government.

Sd/-  
H.S.Salathia, IFS  
Chief Conservator of Forests, FCA  
(Nodal Officer)

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Dated 07/01/2013

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5. Divisional Forest Officer, Mahore Forest Division.
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