

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL EMPOWERED
COMMITTEE (REC) OF REGIONAL OFFICE, NORTH CENTRAL
ZONE, DEHRADUN HELD ON 28 - 29TH JANUARY 2015.

The first meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of the Regional Office, North Central Zone, Dehradun was held on 28-29th January, 2015 at Dehradun under the Chairmanship of Shri Ajay Kumar, Addl. PCCF, Regional Office, Dehradun.

Following Official/Non-Official members & Special Invitees were present in the meeting:-

S.NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION
1.	Ajay Kumar Addl. PCCF, R.O., Dehradun	Chairman
2.	Dr. G.S. Rawat	Member
3.	Shri Praveen Thaplyal	Member
4.	Shri M.S. Negi DCF, R.O., Dehradun	Member Secretary
Special Invitees from HP on 28.01.2015		
5.	Shri J. R. Katwal	Spl. Secy. (Rev) to Govt. of H.P.
6.	Shri Sanjay Sood	CF (FCA), Govt. of H.P.
Special Invitees from Uttarakhand on 29.01.2015		
7.	Shri S.T.S. Lepcha	Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Govt. of U.K.
8.	Shri Arvind Singh Pangtey	Deputy Secy. (PWD), of U.K. Representative of Addl. Secy. (Rev), Govt. of U.K.

The following proposals seeking diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes were discussed in detail and the decision taken by REC is as under:-

SR.NO	NAME OF PROPOSAL	DECISION TAKEN BY THE REC
1.	<p>Diversion of 3.1146 ha forest land in favor of M/S Will Power Project Ltd. for construction of 12.00 MW Jari SHEP under the jurisdiction of Parvati Forest Division, District Kullu, H.P.</p>	<p>The Member Secretary presented all the facts about the proposal seeking diversion of 3.1146 ha of forest land before the members of REC. After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC found that documents like CAT Plan, Certificate under FRA (2006), Chief Secretary's Certificate regarding non-availability of suitable non-forest land in prescribed format and geo-referenced digital map of the forest land proposed for diversion and the land proposed for CA are yet to be received from the State Govt. It was also found that the non-forest area involved in construction of T/L, though mentioned at page-115 of the proposal folder, has not been mentioned in the component-wise break-up of the land given at page no. 117.</p> <p>The REC deferred the decision on this proposal to the next meeting after the State Govt. submits the lacking documents/details mentioned above.</p>
2.	<p>Diversion of 1.0489 ha forest land for construction of 800 KW Pahali Mini HEP in favor of M/S Manali Green Hydro Power Private Ltd. under the jurisdiction of Kullu Forest Division, District Kullu, H.P</p>	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal seeking diversion of 1.0489 ha of forest land before the members of REC. After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC found that documents like Chief Secretary's Certificate regarding non-availability of suitable non-forest land for CA in prescribed format and geo-referenced digital map of the forest land proposed for diversion and the land proposed for CA are yet to be received from the State Govt. It was also noticed that the proposed area is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported.</p> <p>The REC observed that evacuation of power is proposed by laying 33 KV T/L through 230 m long underground XLPE cable, 116 m length of which is passing through forest land. The width of RoW for this underground XLPE cable has been proposed as 6m. It was also observed that existing guidelines of MoEF & CC, where width of RoW is proposed as 15 m for 33 KV T/L, are for transmission through bare conductors and no guidelines have been</p>

		<p>prescribed for RoW of underground XLPE cables. Member Secretary informed that HP Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (HPPTCL) has stated that such transmission through underground XLPE cable is technically feasible. In view of the fact that no guidelines exist for RoW of the T/L through underground XLPE cable and the proposed arrangement stands technically authenticated by HPPTCL, an HP Govt. undertaking having necessary technical expertise, the REC decided to recommend approval for diversion of 1.0489 ha forest land for Pahali SHEP subject to MOEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi taking a considered decision in this matter and submission of following documents:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Certificate of Chief Secretary regarding non-availability of forest land for CA on Performa prescribed vide MoEF&CC letter dt. 07.11.14.b. Digital Map with geo-referenced boundaries in respect of forest land proposed for diversion and forest land proposed for CA in hard and soft copy.
3.	<p>Diversion of 4.8987 ha forest land for construction of 5.00 MW Lower Makkan SHEP in favor of M/S Sidh Power Private Ltd. under the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division, District Chamba, H.P.</p>	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal seeking diversion of 4.8987 ha of forest land before the members of REC. After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC found that documents like FRA Certificate, Chief Secretary's Certificate regarding non-availability of suitable non-forest land for CA in prescribed format and geo-referenced digital map of the forest land proposed for diversion and the land proposed for CA are yet to be received from the State Govt. It was also noticed that the proposed area is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported.</p> <p>The REC observed that evacuation of power is proposed by laying 33 KV T/L through 6886.330 m long underground XLPE cable, 4384.330 m length of which is passing through forest land. The width of RoW for this underground XLPE cable has been proposed as 3.0 m. It was also observed that existing guidelines of MoEF & CC, where width of RoW is proposed as 15 m for 33 KV T/L, are for transmission through bare conductors and no guidelines have been prescribed for RoW of underground XLPE cables. Member Secretary informed that HP Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (HPPTCL) has stated that such transmission through underground XLPE cable is technically feasible.</p> <p>In view of the fact that no guidelines exist for</p>

		<p>RoW of the T/L through underground XLPE cable and the proposed arrangement stands technically authenticated by HPPTCL, an HP Govt. undertaking having necessary technical expertise, the REC decided to recommend approval for diversion of 4.8987 ha forest land for Lower Makkan SHEP subject to MOEF&CC, GoI taking a considered decision in this matter and submission of following documents:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Certificate of Chief Secretary regarding non-availability of forest land for CA on Performa prescribed vide MoEF&CC letter dt. 07.11.14.b. Digital Map with geo-referenced boundaries in respect of forest land proposed for diversion and forest land proposed for CA in hard and soft copy.c. FRA certificate issued by District Collector as per Performa prescribed by MoEF&CC, GoI letter dt.05.07.2013, with all the enclosures.
4.	<p>Diversion of 0.5479 ha of forest land for construction of 1.2 MW Kharole Nashala HEP in favor of M/S Rajvanshi Hydro Power Private Ltd under the jurisdiction of Kullu Forest Division, District Kullu, H.P.</p>	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal seeking diversion of 0.5479 ha of forest land before the members of REC. After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC found that documents like Chief Secretary's Certificate regarding non-availability of suitable non-forest land for CA in prescribed format, geo-referenced digital map of the forest land proposed for diversion and the land proposed for CA are yet to be received from the State Govt. It was also noticed that the proposed area is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported.</p> <p>The REC observed that evacuation of power is proposed by laying 11 KV T/L through 782 m long underground cable, the entire length of which is passing through forest land. The width of RoW for this underground cable has been proposed as 3.0 m. It was also observed that existing guidelines of MoEF & CC, where width of RoW is proposed as 7 m for 11 KV T/L, are for transmission through bare conductors and no guidelines have been prescribed for RoW of underground cables. Member Secretary informed that HP Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (HPPTCL) has stated that such transmission through underground cable is technically feasible. In view of the fact that no guidelines exist for RoW of the T/L through underground cable and the proposed arrangement stands technically authenticated by HPPTCL, an HP Govt.</p>

		<p>undertaking having necessary technical expertise, the REC decided to recommend approval for diversion of 0.5479 ha forest land for Kharole Nashala HEP subject to MOEF&CC, GoI taking a considered decision in this matter and submission of following documents:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Certificate of Chief Secretary regarding non-availability of forest land for CA on Performa prescribed vide MoEF&CC letter dt. 07.11.14.b. Digital Map with geo-referenced boundaries in respect of forest land proposed for diversion and forest land proposed for CA in hard and soft copy.
5.	<p>Diversion of 0.1020 ha forest land for construction of Ropeway for 4.00 MW Panvi Mini HEP in favor of Ascent Hydro Projects Ltd. under the jurisdiction of Kinnaur Forest Division, District Kinnaur, H.P.</p>	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal seeking diversion of 0.1020 ha of forest land before the members of REC. After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC found that the requirement of additional forest land for construction of ropeway appears justified for maintenance/servicing of the project components located on the other side of the tunnel. It was observed that documents like Chief Secretary's Certificate regarding non-availability of suitable non-forest land for CA in prescribed format and geo-referenced digital map of the forest land proposed for diversion and the land proposed for CA are yet to be received from the State Govt. It was also noticed that the proposed area is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported.</p> <p>The REC decided to recommend approval for diversion of 0.1020 ha forest land for construction of ropeway for Panvi Mini HEP subject to submission of following documents:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Certificate of Chief Secretary regarding non-availability of forest land for CA on Performa prescribed vide MoEF&CC letter dt. 07.11.14.b. Digital Map with geo-referenced boundaries in respect of forest land proposed for diversion and forest land proposed for CA in hard and soft copy.

<p>6.</p>	<p>Diversion of 12.39 ha forest land in favor of M/S Kharnal Hydro Electric Power Private Ltd. for construction of 14.00 MW UHL Khad HEP laying of 33 KV T/L under the jurisdiction of Mandi Forest Division, District Mandi, H.P.</p>	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal seeking diversion of 12.39 ha of forest land before the members of REC. After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC found that documents like CAT Plan, Certificate under FRA, Chief Secretary's Certificate regarding non-availability of suitable non-forest land for CA in prescribed format and geo-referenced digital map of the forest land proposed for diversion and the forest land proposed for CA are yet to be received from the State Govt. It was also observed that very less proportion of muck generated is proposed to be utilized in the construction of the project. Accordingly the project proponent has earmarked 2.68 ha of forest land for muck dumping at 6 locations which proportionally appears high when compared to the total forest land required for the project.</p> <p>The REC deferred decision on this proposal to the next meeting after the State Govt. submits the lacking documents and also submits a report after reviewing the requirement of forest land proposed for muck dumping by increasing consumption of muck generated either outside or within the project.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Diversion of 1.0171 ha of forest land for construction of 2.00 MW Sarwari-III SHEP in favor of M/S Gaur Hydro Power Private Ltd. under the jurisdiction of Kullu Forest Division, District Kullu, H.P.</p>	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal seeking diversion of 1.0171 ha of forest land before the members of REC. After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC found that documents like FRA Certificate, Chief Secretary's Certificate regarding non-availability of suitable non-forest land for CA in prescribed format and geo-referenced digital map of the forest land proposed for diversion and the land proposed for CA are yet to be received from the State Govt. It was also noticed that the proposed area is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported.</p> <p>The REC observed that evacuation of power is proposed by laying 33 KV T/L through 2555 m long overhead single insulated armoured cable, the entire length of which is passing through forest land. The width of RoW for this overhead single insulated armoured cable has been proposed as 1.0 m. It was also observed that existing guidelines of MoEF & CC, where width of RoW is proposed as 15 m for 33 KV T/L, are for transmission through bare conductors and no guidelines have been prescribed for RoW of overhead single insulated armoured cables. Member Secretary informed that HP Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (HPPTCL) has stated that such transmission through overhead single insulated armoured cable is technically feasible.</p>

		<p>In view of the fact that no guidelines exist for RoW of the T/L through overhead single insulated armoured cable and the proposed arrangement stands technically authenticated by HPPTCL, an HP Govt. undertaking having necessary technical expertise, the REC decided to recommend approval for diversion of 1.0171 ha forest land for Sarwari-III SHEP subject to MOEF&CC, GoI taking a considered decision in this matter and submission of following documents:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Certificate of Chief Secretary regarding non-availability of forest land for CA on Performa prescribed vide MoEF&CC letter dt. 07.11.14.b. Digital Map with geo-referenced boundaries in respect of forest land proposed for diversion and forest land proposed for CA in hard and soft copy.c. FRA certificate issued by District Collector as per Performa prescribed by MoEF&CC, GoI letter dt.05.07.2013, with all the enclosures.
8.	<p>Diversion of 2.3149 ha of forest land for construction of 9.00 MW Palchan HEP and laying of 33 KV T/L in favor of M/S Palchan Bhang Private Ltd. under the jurisdiction of Kullu Forest Division, District Kullu, H.P.</p>	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal seeking diversion of 2.3149 ha of forest land before the members of REC. After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC found that documents like Chief Secretary's Certificate regarding non-availability of suitable non-forest land for CA in prescribed format and geo-referenced digital map of the forest land proposed for diversion and the land proposed for CA are yet to be received from the State Govt. It was also noticed that the proposed area is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported.</p> <p>The REC observed that evacuation of power is proposed by laying 33 KV T/L through 1295.50 m long underground cable, the entire length of which is passing through forest land. The width of RoW for this underground cable has been proposed as 4.0 m. It was also observed that existing guidelines of MoEF & CC, where width of RoW is proposed as 15 m for 33 KV T/L, are for transmission through bare conductors and no guidelines have been prescribed for RoW of underground cables. Member Secretary informed that HP Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (HPPTCL) has stated that such transmission through underground cable is technically feasible. In view of the fact that no guidelines exist for RoW of the T/L through underground cable and</p>

		<p>the proposed arrangement stands technically authenticated by HPPTCL, an HP Govt. undertaking having necessary technical expertise, the REC decided to recommend approval for diversion of 2.3149 ha forest land for Kharole Nashala HEP subject to MOEF&CC, GoI taking a considered decision in this matter and submission of following documents:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Certificate of Chief Secretary regarding non-availability of forest land for CA on Performa prescribed vide MoEF&CC letter dt. 07.11.14. b. Digital Map with geo-referenced boundaries in respect of forest land proposed for diversion and forest land proposed for CA in hard and soft copy
9.	<p>Diversion of 6.930 ha of forest land for construction of Panisain – Dabrad – Buthanagar Motor Road in favour of PWD under the jurisdiction of Garhwal Forest Division, Pauri in Pauri District of Uttarakhand.</p>	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal before the committee members. The Committee noticed that six villages with a population of 829 are getting benefit from this project. The proposed area is also not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported. The REC also found that the minutes of the District Level Committee meeting convened in connection with the recognition and settlement of rights under FRA, 2006 have not been submitted by the State Government. After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in – principle approval for diversion of 6.930 ha of forest land for construction of this road subject to submission of the record of the minutes of the District Level Committee meeting convened in connection with the recognition and settlement of rights under FRA.</p>
10.	<p>Diversion of 5.65 ha of forest land for construction of Shivpuri – Daigala Motor Road in favour of PWD under the jurisdiction of Narendra Nagar Forest Division, in Tehri District of Uttarakhand.</p>	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal seeking diversion of 5.65 ha of forest land before the REC. The REC noticed that three villages with a population of 1204 are getting benefit from this project. The proposed area is also not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported. The REC also found that the Certificate under FRA regarding recognition and settlement of rights to be issued by the Deputy Collector has not been submitted by the State Government. After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in – principle approval for diversion of 5.65 ha of forest land for construction of this road in question subject to submission of Certificate under FRA.</p>

11.	Diversion of 6.650 ha of forest land for construction of Gol - Mathkot Motor Road in favour of PMGSY under the jurisdiction of Kedarnath Wildlife Forest Division, in Chamoli District of Uttarakhand.	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal before the committee members. The Committee noticed that nine villages with a population of 2480 are getting benefit from this project. The proposed area is also not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported.</p> <p>The committee also found that the CA Scheme has been submitted for an area of 17.10 ha which is based on the earlier proposal seeking diversion of 8.550 ha of forest land. The forest land proposed for diversion has been revised to 6.65 ha by the State Govt. Therefore, the State Govt. is required to revise the CA scheme.</p> <p>After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in – principle approval for diversion of 6.65 ha of forest land for construction of this road subject to submission of revised CA Scheme for an area of 13.30 ha.</p>
12.	Diversion of 5.250 ha of forest land for construction of Kathgodam - Bhadyuni Motor Road from NH-87 in favour of PWD under the jurisdiction of Ramnagar Forest Division, in Nainital District of Uttarakhand.	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal before the committee members. The proposed area is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported.</p> <p>The committee also noticed that the original proposal was submitted seeking diversion of 6.75 ha of forest land taking RoW as 9.00 m. The forest land proposed for diversion has been revised to 5.25 ha after reduction of RoW to 7.00 m. But, the revised proposal and CA scheme has not been submitted by the State Government.</p> <p>After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided that the State Government be requested to submit the revised proposal for seeking diversion of 5.25 ha of forest land along with the revised CA Scheme for consideration the next meeting.</p>
13.	Diversion of 12.077 ha of forest land for construction of Thatyud-Kempty Motor Road in favour of PWD under the jurisdiction of Mussoorie Forest Division in Tehri District of Uttarakhand.	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal regarding diversion of 12.077 ha of forest land before the committee. The committee noticed that nine villages with a population of 1466 are getting benefit from this project. The proposed area is also not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported. The REC also found that out of 1607 project affected trees, 995 no. of trees are Oak trees. The Chief Engineer of the PWD informed that the road is very important for connectivity of the villages and this road will also act as bypass road during show fall in Mussoorie.</p> <p>After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in – principle approval for diversion of 12.077 ha of</p>

		forest land for construction of the road in question with the condition that 50% Oak seedlings will be planted in the CA to be done against the project.
14.	Diversion of 10.1763 ha of forest land for construction of Kwarba to Kosi Motor Road in favour of PWD under the jurisdiction of Almora Forest Division in Almora District of Uttarakhand.	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal before the REC. The REC noticed that thirteen villages with a population of 5694 are getting benefit from this project. The proposed area is also not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported. The REC also found that the Certificate under FRA regarding recognition and settlement of rights to be issued by the Deputy Collector has not been submitted by the State Government. In addition, it was also noticed that the User Agency has proposed to utilize muck in the construction of road but the detail muck disposal plan has not been submitted. More over the digital maps of the area proposed for diversion and the area proposed for CA are not clear.</p> <p>After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in – principle approval for diversion of 10.1763 ha of forest land for construction of the road in question subject to submission of detailed muck disposal plan, geo-referenced digital maps and Certificate under FRA.</p>
15.	Diversion of 8.908 ha of forest land for construction of Sera-Kharged-Bansi-Kotli-Rothiya-Jawari, Utyasu-Malyasu-Bansi, Sera-Bansi and Kotli-Bansi Motor Roads in favour of PWD under the jurisdiction of Rudraprayag Forest Division in Rudraprayag District of Uttarakhand.	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal before the REC. The REC noticed that five villages with a population of 844 are getting benefit from this project. The proposed area is also not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported. The REC also noticed that the State Government has submitted CA Scheme for maintenance for five years instead of seven to ten years.</p> <p>After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in – principle approval for diversion of 8.908 ha of forest land for construction of the road in question with the condition that the State Government will prepare CA Scheme for maintenance upto seven to ten years and realize the CA cost from User Agency accordingly.</p>
16.	Diversion of 6.412 ha of forest land for construction of Jhinjhinisain to Jakher Motor Road in favour of PMGSY under the jurisdiction of Narendra Nagar Forest Division in Tehri District of Uttarakhand.	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal seeking diversion of 6.412 ha of forest land before the REC. REC noticed that the proposed area is also not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported.</p> <p>After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in – principle approval for diversion of 6.412 ha of forest land for construction of this road.</p>