

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE
(REC) OF REGIONAL OFFICE, NORTH CENTRAL ZONE, DEHRADUN
HELD ON 24th APRIL, 2015**

The second meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of the Regional Office, North Central Zone, Dehradun was held on 24th April, 2015 at Regional Office, Dehradun under the Chairmanship of Shri Ajay Kumar, Addl. PCCF, Regional Office, Dehradun.

Following official/non-official members & the special invitees were present in the meeting.

S.NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION
1.	Shri Ajay Kumar Addl. PCCF, R.O., Dehradun	Chairman
2.	Dr. G.S. Rawat, IFS (Retd.)	Member
3.	Shri Praveen Thaplyal, IFS (Retd.)	Member
4.	Dr. S.P. Singh	Member
5.	Shri M.S. Negi DCF, R.O., Dehradun	Member Secretary
6.	Shri S.T.S. Lepcha, Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer, Uttarakhand.	Special Invitee
7.	Shri Santosh Badoni, Deputy Secretary (Revenue), Representative of Addl. Secretary (Revenue), Govt. of Uttarakhand.	Special Invitee

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

S. N.	NAME OF PROPOSAL	DECISION TAKEN BY THE REC
1.	<p>Diversion of 7.14 ha of forest land in favour of Army for construction of Army Centre at Auli (Pansari) within the jurisdiction Nandadevi National Park Forest Division, Joshimath, District Chamoli, Uttarakhand.</p>	<p>The Member Secretary presented all the facts about the proposal seeking diversion of 7.14 ha of forest land before the members of REC. After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal and keeping in view that the proposal is the defense requirement, the REC decided to accord in-principle approval for diversion of 7.14 ha of forest land in favor of Army for construction of Army Centre at Auli (Pansari) within the jurisdiction Nandadevi National Park Forest Division, Joshimath, District Chamoli, Uttarakhand subject to submission of following documents:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FRA Certificate and the proceedings of the District Level Committee concerning FRA. 2. Geo-referenced digital map of the area proposed for CA. 3. Undertaking to undertake pro-active measures in consultation with forest department and to provide all possible assistance to the forest department in sensitizing local people about conservation/protection of wild life in the surrounding area.
2.	<p>Diversion of 16.864 ha of forest land for widening of Gaja-Tamiyar-Timli Motor Road in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Narendranagar Forest Division, Muni-ki-Reti, District Tehri, Uttarakhand.</p>	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal seeking diversion of 16.864 ha of forest land for widening of Gaja-Tamiyar-Timli Motor Road in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Narendranagar Forest Division, Muni-ki-Reti, District Tehri, Uttarakhand. The REC observed that the felling of 785 trees is involved in the project and the density has been mentioned as 0.30 but the NPV rates have been charged for 'dense forest' category. After detailed discussion on various other aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in-principle approval for diversion of 16.864 ha of forest land for widening of Gaja-Tamiyar-Timli Motor Road, with the condition that the</p>

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<p>State Govt. will review the density of vegetation as well as NPV rates to be charged in the instant case and in case the density/NPV rates are revised, revised rates will be realized from the User Agency and revised NPV bill and density will be furnished to the Regional Office.</p>	<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal before the committee members. The Committee noticed that a population of 571 is getting benefit from this project. It was also noticed that though the proposed area is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported, yet felling of 2722 trees including 156 trees of Kaphal (Myrica esculenta) is involved in the project. The members were of the opinion that the natural regeneration of Kaphal being generally poor, some measures will be necessary to ensure the same.</p> <p>After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the RBC decided to accord in - principle approval for construction of 15.806 ha of forest land for construction of this road with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The State Govt. will ensure planting of 300 seedlings of Kaphal in the area proposed for CA. 2. The User Agency will carryout under canopy transplantation of at least 100 saplings of Kaphal under the supervision of State Forest Department.
<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal before the committee members. It was noticed that 15 no. of villages with a population of 1049 are getting benefit from this road. 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>After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the RBC decided to accord in-principle approval for diversion of 13.842 ha fo forest land for construction of Gagas- Udimahadev-Selapani-Bhikiyasain-Marchula Motor Road.</p>	<p>Diversion of 15.806 ha of forest land for construction of Khida-Khajurani Motor Road in favour of PMGSY within the jurisdiction of Almora Forest Division, District Almora, Uttarakhand.</p>
<p>Diversion of 13.842 ha of forest land for construction of Gagas- Udimahadev-Selapani-Bhikiyasain-Marchula Motor Road in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Almora Forest Division, District Almora, Uttarakhand.</p>	<p>4.</p>

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<p>5.</p> <p>Diversion of 6.30 ha of forest land for construction of Pao-Damalde Motor Road (Extension) in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Garhwal Forest Division, District Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand.</p> <p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal regarding diversion of 6.30 ha of forest land before the committee. The committee noticed that four villages with a population of 1580 are getting benefit from this project. Also, the proposed area is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported. The REC also observed that the District Level Committee proceedings, under FRA and the digital map for the area proposed for CA have not been submitted by the State Govt.</p> <p>After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in - principle approval for diversion of 6.30 ha of forest land for construction of Pao-Damalde Motor Road (Extension) subject to submission of following documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. District Level Committee proceeding under FRA. 2. Digital map for the area proposed for CA. 	<p>6.</p> <p>Diversion of 5.836 ha of forest land for construction of Sosa to Sirkha Motor Road in favour of PMGSY within the jurisdiction of Pithoragarh Forest Division, District Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.</p> <p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal before the REC. The REC noticed that two villages with a population of 665 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. After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in - principle approval for diversion of 5.836 ha of forest land for construction of Sosa to Sirkha Motor Road.</p>	<p>7.</p> <p>Diversion of 5.250 ha of forest land for construction of NH-87 Kathgodam-Bhadyni Motor Road in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Ramnagar Forest Division, District Nainital, Uttarakhand.</p> <p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal before the REC. It was observed 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. After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in - principle approval for diversion of 5.250 ha of forest land for construction of NH-87 Kathgodam-Bhadyni Motor Road.</p>
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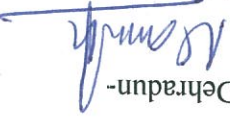
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<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal before the REC. It was observed that the proposed area is also not a part of any Protected Area and no rare species of flora and fauna have been reported. REC also noticed that the Regional Office has asked the State Govt. to submit the revised Gram Sabha proceeding and Sub-Division Level Committee proceedings under FRA, FRA Certificate after recording the date of issue and the Suitability Certificate for Kunari Civil Soyam Land proposed for CA but the response is still awaited from the State Govt. It was also observed that 271 trees including 14 trees of Kaphal (Myrica esculenta) are proposed to be felled in the proposal. The density is not commensurate to the no. of trees per ha. Accordingly, the NPV calculation also does not appear to be correct and this aspect is required to be reviewed by the State Govt.</p>	<p>9. Diversion of 9.18 ha of forest land for construction of Khatoli-Malli to Yayala Motor Road in favour of PMGSY within the jurisdiction of Champawat Forest Division, District Champawat, Uttarakhand.</p>
<p>The Member Secretary of the committee presented all the facts about the proposal before the REC. It was observed that the proposed area is also not a part of any Protected Area and no rare species of flora and fauna have been reported. REC noticed that the State Govt. has been requested to submit certain information / documents vide letter dated 21.04.2015 of the Regional Office. The User Agency as well as the State Forest Department made presentation on the above queries of the Regional Office before REC. However, the REC decided that the User Agency/State Govt. should submit the written reply through proper channel. After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in - principle approval for diversion of 8.092 ha of forest land for widening/ improvement of Sitarganj-Tanakpur Section of NH-125 (Re-named as NH-9; Malaut-Pithoragarh) subject to submission of the information/documents in writing, asked by Regional Office vide letter dated 21.04.2015, in accordance with the presentation made before the REC.</p>	<p>8. Diversion of 8.092 ha of forest land for widening/ improvement of Sitarganj-Tanakpur Section of NH-125 (Re-named as NH-9; Malaut-Pithoragarh) in favour of National Highway Authority of India within the jurisdiction of Tarai East Forest Division, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand.</p>

<p>After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in – principle approval for diversion of 9.18 ha of forest land for construction of this road subject to submission of following documents/clarifications.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revised Gram Sabha proceedings and revised Sub-Division Level Committee proceedings under FRA. 2. FRA Certificate issued by the District Collector after mentioning the date of issue. 3. Suitability Certificate for Kunari Civil Soyam Land selected for CA. 4. Review of density of vegetation as well as NPV charged. <p>It was also advised by the REC that the State Govt. will ensure to plant 150 Kaphal seedlings in the CA and a condition to this effect will be stipulated in the 'in-principle approval'.</p>	
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This issues with the approval of Addl.PCCF, Regional Office (North Central) Dehradun-
Cum-Chairman REC.

(M.S. Negi)
Member Secretary



dated 28th April, 2015

Endst. No. RO-DDN/REC/1-2014/53

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