



भारत सरकार
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पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE
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File No: 8-9/2020-FC

Dated: 27/07/2020

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Government of Jammu & Kashmir,
Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation,
Forest Complex, Sheikh Bagh,
Near Lal Chowk, Srinagar,
Jammu & Kashmir-190001.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forest use of 680.1 ha (instead of 1100 ha.) of Forest land in favour of M/s JKSPDC for construction of Ujh Multipurpose Hydro Electric Project in District Kathua State Jammu and Kashmir (Online proposal No. FP/JK/HYD/44025/2020)- Reg.

Ref: i) State Government online proposal received on 08.07.2020
ii) Direction of MoEF&CC New Delhi on e-file notesheet dated 14.07.2020

Sir,

I am directed to refer to online proposal forwarded by the Nodal Officer (FCA), U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir to Ministry on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of **680.10** ha of forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal, the Ministry directed Regional Office, Chandigarh that certain missing information pointed out by the Ministry are still required to be submitted by U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir on www.parivesh.nic.in;

- i. As per the land use plan it is not known if approach road is already available or will be constructed fresh for developmental work during construction and maintenance phase. The detail in this regards may kindly be provided.
- ii. It is observed that the total forest area sought for non-forest use is 1100 ha as per details submitted on PARIVESH portal (Part-I) whereas the final recommendation is for 680 ha. This discrepancy is need proper clarification and subsequent updation on PARIVESH portal.
- iii. A details about CA area shall be provided with clarity. The user agency is a State Department. The compensatory afforestation shall be proposed over non forest land area. The complete details (like- CA scheme, Suitability Certificate, SOI map and DGPS maps etc.) of non-forest land shall be uploaded on PARIVESH portal.
- iv. SOI Map on 1:50,000 scale and DGPS map of the forest land proposed to be diverted be provided/Uploaded.
- v. The following mandatory undertakings be provide/uploaded on PARIVESH:
 - a. Undertaking for payment of cost of Compensatory Afforestation (CA).
 - b. Undertaking for payment of Net Present value (NPV) of forest area.
 - c. Undertaking for payment of Addl. amount of Net Present value (NPV) of forest area.

d. Undertaking for submitting the FRA certificate.

- vi. The DFO Kathua has reported that the Aerial distance of the Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary is 700m to 800m from the proposed area. Comments/NOC of Chief Wildlife Warden be provided.
- vii. Approved CAT plan may be uploaded on PARIVESH Portal.
- viii. Area figures of proposed forest land and non forest land in the project area shall be provided correctly and with clarity. KML files with detailed land use in the project may be provided for proper analysis.
- ix. Cost Benefit Analysis shall be provided as per the FCA guidelines, issued on 28.03.2019.
- x. Muck disposal plan shall be provided/Uploaded on PARIVESH portal.

In view of the above, the UT of J&K is requested to submit above stated information/Justification to Ministry and also fix a suitable date to carry out site inspection of the project site by Regional office as directed by Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(K Z Bhutia)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The APCCF (FC)-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir, Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation, Forest Complex, Sheikh Bagh, Near Lal Chowk, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir-190001
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division and District Kishtwar, Jammu & Kashmir.
3. PIU Khellani, NHIDCL, House No.11, Sector-2, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu & Kashmir.