

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi – 110003

Dated: 22nd August, 2020

To

The Commissioner/Secretary (Forest)  
Department of Forests, Environment and Ecology,  
UT Administration,  
Jammu & Kashmir  
Srinagar  
(E-mail: [csforestjk@gmail.com](mailto:csforestjk@gmail.com))

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for use of 275.16 ha (instead of 109.64 ha of forest land originally proposed) [(211.06 ha protected forest) + (64.10 ha. PLPA area)] excluding de-listed area (58.75 ha) out of 333.91 ha of forest land for construction Reservoir of Shahpur Kandi Dam Project in Tehsil – Dhar Kalan under Forest Division and Distt. Pathankot. (Online proposal No. FP/PB/HYD/40592/2019)-reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Punjab letter No. FCA/1980/135/2019/3885 dated 17.08.2020 (**copy enclosed**) regarding above mentioned subject. As per the information given by the Nodal Officer Punjab, a total of 3165.69 acre land is required for the project. Out of the total land requirement 1637.74 acre land falls in Punjab and 1527.95 acre in J&K.

The User Agency has reported to the Nodal Officer Punjab vide letter No. No. 65-66/Spl/SKB-161 dated 17.08.2020 (copy enclosed) that the area falling in J&K territory is not a forest land and the case has been taken up with wildlife authorities in J&K (as revealed by revenue authorities of J&K during the joint site visit held on 11.01.2020). In view of the above submission, J&K Administration is requested to verify the information about the status of land involved in the project.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)

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Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest and Wildlife Preservation,

- Government of Punjab, Forest Complex, Sector 68-, SAS Nagar.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), J&K Administration, Srinagar.
  3. **Dy. DGF (Central), RO Chandigarh: with a request to complete the site inspection of the area at the earliest, based on revised proposal as submitted by Government of Punjab without further delay.**
  4. The Nodal Officer, (FCA), Forest Department, J&K Administration, Srinagar
  5. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest and Wildlife Preservation, Government of Punjab, Forest Complex, Sector 68-, SAS Nagar.
  6. User Agency.
  7. Monitoring Cell (FC Division) of MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

**Government of Punjab**  
**Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation**  
**Forest Complex, Sector-68,**  
**S.A.S Nagar, Punjab.**  
(FCA Branch)

To

Deputy Director General of Forests (Central),  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
Northern Regional Office,  
Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A,  
Chandigarh.

No. FCA/1980/135/2019/ 3885

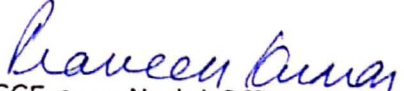
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**Sub: Diversion of 275.16 ha (instead of 109.64 ha. forest land (211.06 ha. Protected forest and 64.10 ha. PLPA area) excluding delisted area (58.75 ha) out of 333.91 ha of total land for Reservoir of Shahpur kandi Dam in Tehsil-Dhar Kalan Forest Division and district Pathankot. (By. SANDESH RAJ, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SHAHPURKANDI DAM DIVISION NO- II SHAHPURKANDI TOWNSHIP). (FP/PB/HYD/40592/2019)**

Ref: This office letter No. FOREST-FCA0FC3P/8/2020-FCA dated 16.08.2020 (Your letter No. File No.8-15/2019FC)

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In-continuation of this office letter cited above, as per your requirement information submitted by the user agency vide letter No. 65-66/Spl/SKB-161 dated 17.08.2020 on the above cited subject is enclosed at Annexure-I for information and further necessary action please.

  
APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA),  
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.

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Dated:

1. Conservator of Forests, North Circle, Hoshiarpur.
2. Divisional Forest Officer, Pathankot.
3. Chief Engineer/SPKD, WR Department, Punjab, ShahpurKandi Township w.r.t your letter No. 65-66/Spl/SKB-161 dated 17.08.2020.

  
APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA),  
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, SHAHPURKANDI DAM PROJECT,  
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, PUNJAB, SHAHPURKANDI TOWNSHIP**

No. 65-66/Spl/SKB-161

Date 17.08.2020

To

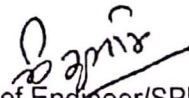
Additional Chief Conservator of Forests  
Cum- Nodal Officer (FCA),  
Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation,  
Forest Complex, Sector- 68, SAS Nagar

Sub: Forest/Wildlife Clearance of Shahpurkandi Dam Project

In this regard it is submitted that out of total area of 952.27 hectare area of Shahpurkandi Dam Project 652.18 Hectare area falls in J&K territory and 333.91 Hectare (Forest land 109.64 Hectare, River Bed 165.51 Hectare and Delisted area 58.75 Hectare) fall in Punjab territory. The case has been submitted online through Parivesh Portal by your office to MoEF&CC on 16.08.2020 for Punjab area.

For area falling in J&K territory, case has been taken up with wildlife authorities in J&K as no forest land is involved (as revealed by revenue authorities J&K during the joint visit held on 11.01.2020). Wildlife (J&K) has enumerated all the trees (upto EL 400.50m, between EL 404.50m & EL400.50m) and preparation of files of the same has been completed. Evaluation of land coming under submergence upto EL of 404.50m and between EL 404.50m & EL400.50m in coordination with revenue authorities of District Kathua is at final stage. The process in J&K is taking time because of interstate restrictions imposed due to spread of Covid-19. After collection of pre-requisite data required for obtaining wildlife clearance, the online application on Parivesh Portal Shall be submitted within two weeks with seeking exemption for Environment Impact Assessment Study as land has been acquired for Shahpurkandi Project back in 1994 and Environment Clearance has already been accorded by the MoEF in 1981.

This is for your kind information and necessary action please.

  
Chief Engineer/SPKD  
WR Department, Punjab  
Shahpurkandi Township

CC:

The Divisional Forest Officer, Pathankot for information and necessary action please.