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OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS  
JAMMU WEST CIRCLE, RAJOURI

**Form A (Part – III)**

**Full Title of the Project** :- Sawalkote HE Project (1856 MW) NHPC Ltd in Mahore Forest Division.  
**Proposal No.** :- FP/JK/HYD/150591/2021  
**Date of Proposal** :- 31-12-2021

1. Whether site, where the Forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If Yes, the date of inspection & observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.  
Yes.
2. Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part-II the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.  
The information given in Part-II and the recommendation of DCF is agreed to.
3. Specific recommendation of concerned Conservator of Forests for acceptance or other wise of the proposal with detailed reasons.

The proposal may be accepted as per guidelines of Govt. of India as the Forest land proposal for diversion of 39.6 Ha in Mahore Forest Division is essentially required for Sawalkote HE project (1856 MW) in District Reasi of UT of J&K and recommended for the Forest Clearance under Forest Conservation Act 1980. The location has been selected after detailed geo-technical and geological studies. The project entails not only hydro power generation in Power deficit region but also to cater to the drinking water requirements along with meeting the irrigation demand. Hence paving the way for overall socio-economic development of different regions of Ramban, Reasi, and Udhampur Districts. The project will also unleash the agricultural potential of the otherwise barren regions and will benefit thousands of souls.

The EIA Study suggests that the area of Dam and its surrounding including submergence zone are dominant by Dolomite rock and loose soil which are prone to landslides and sinking of land due to continuous contact with water especially in summer season and monsoon period when the water level would be height. The area is also seismically active and after construction of the dam it may increase the seismic activities. The user agency need to plan robust mechanism in place for the safety of dam and surrounding area for any unforeseen crisis keeping in view the geological structure of the area.

Therefore, in view of the underlying and fact that the project has national strategic importance, it is recommended that the project be granted the Stage -I or in principal approval subject to certain terms and conditions as imposed by MoEF& CC after removal following short comings deficiencies: 1. Approval of the Catchment Area Treatment Plan. 2. Environment Clearance under Environmental (Protection) Act 1986 as per the actual area. 3. Submission of revised Cost Benefit Analysis document after reconciling of final figures of Compensatory levels of NPV, CA, Addl. CA etc., of all Four Divisions. 4. Implementation of EIA Study recommendations .

Hence, proposal submitted by Divisional Forest Officer recommended to be accepted.

No: CFW-R/FCA/ 3296

Dated: 31-01-2024



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