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Forest Proposal No: FP/JK/HYD/144277/2021

Sub: Diversion of 17 ha of Forest land for Uri I Stage II HE Project under NHPC Uri-I Stage-II Division J.V, District Baramulla, UT of Jammu & Kashmir – EDS reg.

Sir,

Please refer to your office letter no. PCCF/FCA/3386/2332-36 dated 04-09-2024 on the above cited subject matter.

In this context, it is submitted that during the meeting chaired by the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Jammu & Kashmir Forest Department, Govt. of J&K on 24.10.2024 to review the status of Forest Clearances of various hydroelectric projects under implementation in J&K. During the discussion, it was suggested that NHPC may resubmit details of Uri-I Stage-II HE Project for consideration for grant of In-Principle Forest Clearance stating that the proposed project is an extension of Uri Power Station and does not involve construction of new barrage and intake structures, etc.

Accordingly, details are submitted as under:

- Uri-I Stage-II HE Project is the second stage of already commissioned Uri-I Power Station of 480 MW on river Jhelum in Baramulla district of UT of Jammu & Kashmir. Department of Science & Technology Govt of India, New Delhi accorded Environment Clearance to Uri (Stage – I) on 27.06.1980 & MoEF granted Forest Clearance on 21.05.1986
- This project is planned as per provision kept in the DPR of Uri-I Power Station. The provision for second stage has been kept in the design of surface water conveyance system of Uri-I Power Station. Accordingly, the main structures of Uri-I Power Station i.e. Barrage, Head regulator, desilting basins, open channel and Boniyar Nallah intake structure shall be utilized by the Project i.e. Uri-I Stage II HE Project.
- Further, Uri-I Stage-II HE Project shall utilize water available in the existing reservoir of Uri-I Power Station and there shall be no change in submergence area due to the proposed project and also there will be no change in the current natural water course of the river.

- iv) Only 17 ha of forest land shall be diverted that too underground for works which consists of Power House, Surge Shaft, TRT, HRT & other associated components.
- v) Uri-I Stage-II HE project does not involve any acquisition of revenue land and no R&R is required.

As discussed in the meeting held on 24.10.2024 and in view of above facts, it is reiterated that Uri-I Stage-II HEP is the second stage of already commissioned Uri Power Station (480 MW) which is a run of the river project on river Jhelum using the same dam and same reservoir of Uri-I Power Station. Hence, it is requested to consider this Project for grant of In-Principal Forest Clearance by exempting from submission of Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) and Carrying Capacity Study (CCS) reports at this stage.

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely,

Gr. General Manager - HOP

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