

No. RK/FCA/ 4375  
Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh

Dated J/Nagar, the/ 08-10-2025

From: DFO Joginder Nagar

To: CF Mandi

Subject: Diversion of 3.6693 Ha of forest land in favour of M/s CLIFF FINVEST PVT. LTD. for the construction of 5 MW Thaltukhod-II HEP, within the jurisdiction of Joginder Nagar Forest Division, Distt. Mandi, Himachal Pradesh.  
(Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/43637/2019)

Memo;

Kindly refer to EDS dated 03.09.2025. The reply of the observation as furnished by project proponent is furnished as under:-

S/No.	Observations	Reply
1.	Considering Thaltu I, II, III there seems to be a clear intention of obviating the provisions of CAT plan. If all four projects are in the same catchment, why should there not be a CAT plan.	In this regard, it is submitted that only two projects, namely <i>Thaltukhod-I Stage-I</i> and <i>Thaltukhod-II</i> , are being processed in Joginder Nagar Forest Division. With respect to the CAT Plan, the project proponent has clarified that during the feasibility study for SHP projects on Thaltu Khorth Nallah, it was found that designing a single project with a weir at elevation 1972 m (Stage-I) and a powerhouse at elevation 1576.50 m (Stage-II), resulting in a combined capacity of 10 MW, would require the water conductor system to pass through the inhabited stretches of Graman and Khariyan villages. Strong resistance was anticipated from the local population. Therefore, the user agency planned two separate projects of 5 MW each, namely: (i) Thaltukhod Stage-I (weir at EI 1972 m and powerhouse at EI 1768 m), and (ii) Thaltukhod-II (weir at EI 1725.50 m and powerhouse at EI 1576.50 m), thereby avoiding the habitation of Graman and Khariyan villages. This justification was also explained to the Department of Energy officials during their site visit at the time of issuance of TEC.

In view of the above, the proposal is hereby forwarded for consideration and Stage-I approval by the competent authority.

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