

STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY PUNJAB

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Ref:

- The DIGF (Central), Ministry of Environment & Climate Change, Regional Office, Sector 31-A, Section 24 & 25, South Road, Chandigarh - 160030
- 2. The Managing Director, Punjab Infrastructure Development Board, SCO- 33,34,35, Sector- 34-A, Chandigarh- 160022.

Subject: Clarification regarding obtaining of Environmental Clearance for diversion of 30.25 ha, instead of 31.42 ha, of forest land for Development of International Standard Tourism/ Theme Destination in State of Punjab on Pathankot- Dalhousie Road around Ranjit Sagar Lake area Forest Division and District

Pathankot.

DIGF Central letter dated 12.11.2019.

ii) PIDB letter no. PIDB/MD/2019/ 7809-13 dated 18.12.2019

In reference to above referred letters, it is intimated that subject cited matter was considered by SEIAA in its 158th meeting of SEIAA held on 23.12.2019, which was attended by Mrs. Pooja Makkar, AGM (F), PIDB, Chandigarh, on behalf of the project proponent. It was informed that Department of Housing and Urban Development vide letter no 97 dated 08.08.2017, Punjab Infrastructure Development Board has been mandated to develop area around Thein Dam along Ranjit Sagar Lake as Tourism/Theme Destination Project, which was earlier being handled by Shivalik (Dhauladhar) Tourism Development Board to which earlier the environmental clearance was granted. To a query of SEIAA, she presented the comparison chart between the project for which Environmental Clearance was granted vide letter no 67-75 dated 23.01.2017 and amended proposal for which diversion of 30.25 ha area is required.

SEIAA observed that since no new activity or process, is to be undertaken by the project proponent and there is no change in the environment parameters except reduction in diversion of forest area. Thus, there is no requirement of obtaining revised Environmental Clearance for their amended proposal and the earlier granted environment clearance is valid for its amended proposal.

After detailed deliberations, SEIAA decided that DIGF, Central & Punjab

Infrastructure Development Board be informed as above

This is for your information please.

Member Secretary

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