

To

The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Kullu Forest Division, Kullu.

**Subject:** Diversion of 0.5848 hectare of forest land in favour of M/s Jamdagni Hydro Power for the construction of Dhuangan-III (1.0 MW) SHEP within the jurisdiction of Kullu Forest Division. (Proposal:FP/HP/HYD/49485/2020)

**Memo:** Kindly refer to online EDS dated 21.02.2024 raised by your office on the above cited subject.

2. In this regard, the reply to the EDS is furnished under:-

Sr. No.	EDS	Reply
1.	It has not been clarified whether this project envisage EIA for Beas river basin & whether this project is an extension of Dhuangan-I & II.	<p><b>An environmental impact assessment (EIA)</b> is an assessment of the possible impact - positive or negative - that a proposed project may have on the environment, considering natural, social and economic aspects. The purpose of the assessment is to ensure that decision makers consider the ensuing environmental impacts to decide whether to proceed with the project.</p> <p>As a policy instrument the EIA ensures that the environmental implications of a project are anticipated and minimized. They are applied for all types of projects like infrastructure development, and also for hydropower projects.</p> <p>In combination with the impacts of other hydro projects within the same river basin, impacts can change or intensify. Therefore the scope of the impact assessment should not be limited to one project, but analyze the impacts with a view to other existing and planned projects. As an advanced version of an EIA, the Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment (CEIA) seeks to incorporate these effects into the assessment of a proposed project. It therefore enlarges the scale of analysis to regional river basin level.</p>

		<p><b>Up to date the CEIA as instrument is restricted to large hydropower and is not applicated to small hydro.</b></p> <p>Small, run-of-the-river projects are free from many of the environmental problems associated with their large-scale relatives because they use the natural flow of the river, and thus produce relatively little change in the stream channel and flow.</p> <p>Projects less than 2 MW falls in the white categories project which does not have any large impact on Environment &amp; also exempted from the Environment clearance as per notification EIA, 2006. It is therefore, clear that this project does not envisaged in the comprehensive EIA for the Beas basin.</p> <p>It is also submitted that this project is not an extension of Duhangan-I &amp; II. It is a separate project.</p>
--	--	--

Dated: 21.02.2024

Yours faithfully,



**M/s Dhomya Rishi Jamdagni  
Hydro Power Pvt. Ltd.**