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**Full Title of the Project:** Sawalkot HE Project (1856 MW) Hydro Electric Project to generate 1856 MW Electricity.  
**File No:** FP/JK/HYD /150591/2021  
**Date of Proposal:** 31-12-2021

**Site Inspection Report**

*(Highlighting facts about proposal as required under column-11 of Part-II)*

1. A proposal has been received by this office from **NHPC Limited** regarding **Sawalkot HE Project (1856 MW) Hydro Electric Project to generate 1856 MW Electricity** for diversion of forest under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry purposes. The project envisages diversion of **332.28 Hectares** of forest land. The site inspection of the spot involved in the proposal has been done by the undersigned on dated:- **24-01-2022**.
2. On inspection of the site, it is found that the project requires the diversion of **289.58 Ha** of forest land falling in Reserved Forests of Gool, Ramban and Banihal Ranges of Ramban Forest Division and **42.7 Ha** of Revenue Forest (State land with soil type Gair Mumkin Jad).
3. The requirement of the forest land and felling of trees as proposed by the user agency in col-2 part-I is unavoidable and bare minimum requires for the project.
4. No Rare/Endangered/Unique species of Flora and Fauna in the area during the visit. However as per Working Plan, some species falling in Schedule-I and II of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972 are found in the area namely Leopard *Panthera pardus*, Khaleej Pheasant *Lophurus leucomelana*, White Backed Vulture, Himalayan Griffon Vulture. Other Wildlife found in the area is Rhesus Macaque *Mucacamilatta*, Common fox, Jackal, Grey Jungle Fowl, Goral *Naemorhedus goral* etc.
5. No violation of the Act has been carried out by the user agency at the site.
6. No protected/heritage site/defence establishment etc. is located along the current alignment.
7. A total no. of **79412 trees** and **192617 poles** coming under the alignment of the project.
8. (b) **Specific recommendation for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal:-** Diversion of **332.28 Ha** forest land for **Sawalkot HE Project (1856 MW) Hydro Electric Project to generate 1856 MW Electricity** is recommended for forest clearance under section-2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of user agency **NHPC Limited** with terms and conditions as mentioned by State Govt./MoEF& CC.

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