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The Divisional Forest Officer,
Forest Division Palampur,
Kangra, HP.

Sub: Diversion of 1.1163 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Prashanti Hydro Energies Private Ltd. for construction of 500 KW Lingti Small Hydro Project within the jurisdiction of Palampur Forest Division, Distt. Kangra, H.P.(Online proposal no FP/HP/HYD/12958/2015).

Sir,

The reply of the observations are as follows:-

Sr. No.	Observations	Reply
1	State Govt shall clarify whether the proposed project is a part of river basin study (CCS & CIA) of the Beas or not. Comments in this regard may be provided.	<p>The status of River Basin Study of Beas River along with carrying capacity of the Beas Basin in terms of power generation, how much is utilized so far and how much is yet to be utilized by the State has been uploaded in additional information detail in Part-I.</p> <p>However, this project is not part of the river basin study, since only 51 proposals have been included in the basin study, which is >5 MW includes commissioned, under construction, under clearance, and some are yet to be allotted. (justification attached)</p>
2	Total 06 Dumping sites has been proposed in the forestland, DS 02/03/04/05/06 is exactly situated centrally between the Khad/Nullah from where stream following through and DS 06 is proposed on the existing structures., Therefore State Govt. shall explore to shift the dumping sites to Non-forest land, if possible. Otherwise change the location of dumping sites. Since all of these Dumping site will not only hindered the flow of the Khad but also cause landslide and destruction to the nearby landscape.	<p>In respect of dumping sites in forest land , user agency has submitted that the land holdings of the villagers are very limited coupled with the remoteness of the villages; which restricts the dumping sites to be kept on forest land ; hence, it is not possible to shift the dumping sites on private land.</p> <p>The proposed dumping sites have been identified based on topographical suitability, proximity to the project corridor, and minimal disturbance to forest cover. DS 02 to DS 06, though situated between the Khad/Nullah, are</p>

		<p>located on stable terrain with adequate buffer from the active stream channel. Necessary engineering measures such as retaining structures, drainage diversion, and slope stabilization shall be incorporated to mitigate any potential impact on natural water flow and prevent landslides (Details has been included in the Muck management and reclamation plan.). Adequate erosion control measures, check dams, and vegetative barriers will be implemented to prevent siltation and landscape degradation. Additionally, Dumping Site D-6 was earlier inadvertently linked to an existing structure due to a mapping oversight. Upon review and verification, the error has been rectified, and the correct location of D-6 has now been updated in the KML.</p>
3	State Govt shall upload the SOI Toposheet with SOI toposheet number at the s.no. C (iii) in part1.	Revised Toposheet with SOI toposheet number has been uploaded at the Sr. no. C(iii) in part-I.
4	It has been observed from KML file that diversion area as well as all the dumping site is in very steep slope and exactly situated at the bank of the Khad/Nullah where debris can be easily rolled down into downhill slide into the Nullah and may hinder the follow of water. Therefore, State Govt. may submit detailed mitigation measure/plan/interventions/SMC plan to be adopted, so that debris could not rolled down into the downhill side. Additionally, the State Govt. may submit Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan as per para-1.22 (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam	Undertaking for the submission of SMCP before Stage-II has been uploaded in Part-I, additional information and attached herewith.

	Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.	
5	<p>Upon perusal of the KML it has been seen that the proposed transmission and road is overlaid on the existing road approach to the villers household. State Govt shall clarify whether the existing road will be used for approach or not.? If yes whether the existing road has been approved under the FCA. 1980 or not? Also provide the NoC from the Gram panchayat/PwD, or the case may be.</p>	<p>In this regard, it is submitted that the road cum transmission components was included in the proposal as there was no road connectivity to the power house at the time of submission of proposal in 2015. However, now the road has been constructed by the PWD which was not constructed during the submission of the FCA case in the year 2015. However, the requirement for this road was identified earlier in connection with the proposed diversion site for the Hydro Electric Project (HEP). At present, the road has been constructed by the Public Works Department (PWD) and is fully operational. Accordingly, the No Objection Certificate (NOC) issued by the PWD is enclosed herewith for reference.</p>
6	<p>Upon perusal of the KML, it has been observed that the penstock is not connected to the power house. State Govt shall rectify the KML.</p>	<p>KML has been rectified and uploaded on the Parivesh portal.</p>
7	<p>State Govt shall upload the legible copy of the layout plan duly authenticated by the DFO concerned.</p>	<p>Legible copy of the Layout Plan has been uploaded on the Parivesh portal in additional information Part-I.</p>
8	<p>In the S.No-4, part-I (Component Wise Break Up), the components for “STAFF QUARTERS” of total area 0.075 ha respectively has been proposed. State Govt shall clarify the rationale of this components with valid justification and relevant documents, if any, duly authenticated by DFO concerned. Since the proposed component is a non-site specific category component and State Govt must give complete and fact full justification establishing its</p>	<p>The staff quarters was proposed for the facilitate the HEP. But currently there is no requirement the staff quarters.</p>

	inescapability for locating the project in forest area	
9	Since the proposal involves private land (0.0014 ha), however no documents regarding the consent of the private landowners by the way of sale/gift Deed/NoC or any other form is required to be submitted/uploaded before Stage-I	The patch of land mentioned as Non-forest land, which is 0.0014 ha, is a revenue forest and inadvertently marked as private land. In this regard correction has been made and documentary evidence Fieldbook for the same is enclosed/uploaded in additional information part-I.
10	As per the details of transmission line, the total area calculated is 0.61355 ha however as per the S.No-B-2.4 (Component wise breakup) the area of the transmission line is 0.2152 ha. State Govt shall clarify the same and provide the complete and exact calculation of the transmission. Also, State Govt shall submit the details (calculation sheet) of transmission line above ground/below ground (length and width, No of poles/area of each/ROW/ Minimum clearance between conductor Trees), duly authenticated by DFO concerned.	It is submitted that the road cum transmission components was included in the proposal as there was no road connectivity to the power house at the time of submission of proposal in 2015. However, now the road has been constructed by the PWD which was not constructed during the submission of the FCA case in the year 2015. However, the requirement for this road was identified earlier in connection with the proposed diversion site for the Hydro Electric Project (HEP). At present, the road has been constructed by the Public Works Department (PWD) and is fully operational. Accordingly, the total area of the transmission line is 0.6150 ha. (0.6136+0.0014) with the area revenue forest i.e. 0.0014 ha. in this regard the details of transmission line has been attached and uploaded on the Parivesh portal.
11	State Govt. may provide the detailed power evacuation layout plan till the power station and same shall be marked on the KML, duly authenticated by DFO concerned.	Power evacuation plan has been prepared and uploaded on the Parivesh portal in additional information, Part-I. and Same has been marked in the KML as well.
12	Therefore, State Govt. shall upload the NoC from HPTCL, HPSEBL, , HPPWD/NHAI, Telecom department,	NOCs of HPSEB, HPPWD, IPH, fisheries and Panchayat has been attached and uploaded on the Parivesh portal in

	as the case may be, on the PARIVESH portal.	additional information, part-I.
13	State Govt shall provide the detailed Muck Management plan and details of muck generated, balanced muck and muck dumped, with Scientific & Engineering measures and photograph of the site duly authenticated by DFO concerned is required to be uploaded State Govt shall mark the already approved components and proposed Components in the KML in distinct colours with showing the additional land requirement. Also, provide the detailed reclamation plan with activity/protection measures involved with financial outlay, duly authenticated by DFO concerned.	Muck Management Plan and reclamation plan has been uploaded on the Parivesh portal in additional information, Part-I. and attached herewith.
14	As per the S.No-4 (ii), part-II, no tree felling is involved. However, upon perusal of KML of DA, some trees/saplings are visible in the power house and road & transmission components. DFO concerned shall provide the comments in this regard.	Pertained to DFO
15	An undertaking that User agency shall adhere to stipulated e-flow as recommended by the Govt. of HP and other regulatory authority for the conservation and development of aquatic flora and fauna.	Undertaking for adherence to stipulated e-flow as recommended by the Govt. of HP and other regulatory authority for the conservation and development of aquatic flora and fauna has been attached and uploaded on the Parivesh portal.
16	State Govt. shall provide the Part-II/recommendation of the concerned DFO/DCF is required to be submitted.	Pertained to DFO
17	As per the DSS analysis, out of total 2.25 ha, there is 02(ha.) under the under the moderately dense Forest (canopy density 40-70%). Therefore, State Govt. shall revise the CA site with the area of vegetation density less	Pertained to DFO

	than 40% with the relevant SOI toposheet, DGPS map and land suitability certificate, KML duly authenticated by DFO concerned.	
18	In view of the observations of the 74th REC dated 31.01.2025, the CA scheme needs to be revised by including soil depth, aspect, area dimensions and description, detailed site-specific soil and moisture Conservation measures, individual species names, and photographic evidence of DFO site Inspection. Also, DFO concerned shall submit the details regarding the suitability of the Site for the planation.	Pertained to DFO
19	State Govt. Shall provide the certificate of non-availability of NFL from Director Land Record the competent authority for proposing DFL under special provision Para 2.2 (iv) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, MoEF&CC.	Certificate of non-availability of NFL from Director Land Record the competent authority for proposing DFL under special provision Para 2.2 (iv) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, MoEF&CC has been attached and uploaded on the Parivesh portal in additional information, partI.
20	State Govt shall strictly ensure to upload the relevant documents at the respective column of the Part-I/Par-II with name of the particular documents and delete the repeated documents (i.e. SIR/JSIR/ etc). Also, State Govt shall ensure to upload the fresh documents of the proposal	All the documents has been uploaded with the name of documents.

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Parshanti Hydro Energies Private Limited

Authorised Signatory