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Dated: 03.03.2023

Divisional Forest Officer,
Jhelum Valley Division,
Baramulla.

Sub: Forest Clearance proposal of Uri I Stage II HE project — Reg.

Ref: DFO/JV/L/940 dated 25.02.2023

Sir,

In reference to the above mentioned letter vide which Essential Details Sought (EDS) were raised for the process of forest clearance in respect of Uri I Stage II HE Project. In this regard the following is submitted:

S No	EDS Sought	Reply from User Agency (NHPC)
01	A Copy of Survey of India toposheet indicating boundary of Forest land proposed to be diverted has not been sealed and signed by the Authorized Officer	The document duly sealed and signed by the Authorized officer has been Uploaded on the Parivesh Portal.
02	Scanned copy of the Geo-referenced Map of the Forest area proposed to be diverted prepared by using GPS or Total Station is not legible and is without seal and signature of Authorized officer.	The document duly sealed and signed by the Authorized officer has been Uploaded on the Parivesh Portal.
03	Copy of the Approval of the Competent Authority to the Catchment Area Treatment Plan (CAT Plan) is without seal and signature of the Authorised officer.	The document duly sealed and signed by the Authorized officer has been Uploaded on the Parivesh Portal.
04	Copy of the Approved CAT Plan has not been uploaded.	The proposed project Uri I stage II HE project will utilise the already completed structures of existing Uri Power Station including Barrage, cut and Cover, Culvert desilting basin, open power channel, Adits. As such the project does not involve construction of Dam/intake. Further, the Reservoir level will be the remain same as that of current FRL (at 1491.0m), hence, no new land will be submerged due to the proposed construction of the project. It is to mention here that the CAT works of Uri Power Station has already carried

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		<p>out. A signed copy of the CAT works undertaken is enclosed.</p> <p>Also, as per the approved TOR dated 10.06.2021 issued by MoEF &CC, a copy of the Catchment area Treatment Plan amounting to Rs 8.74 crore has been worked out by the consultant based on the various circulars/rates approved by Department of Forests Government of J&K and is enclosed. The same has been submitted by this office vide letter dated 02.03.2023 for approval. Any updation in the CAT plan shall be incorporated at the appropriate time. An undertaking duly signed by the authorized officer for incorporation of any modification in the CAT plan is also enclosed herewith.</p>
5	Govt MoU Approval of the Project not uploaded properly as the same is not being downloaded.	Copy of MoU has been uploaded.

It is also to mention here that the Revenue extracts of the Compensatory Afforestation has also been updated and uploaded in the Parivesh Portal.

In view of the above, it is requested to process the Forest clearance proposal for Uri I Stage II HE project on priority as the project is on the verge of getting techno – economic clearance shortly. An early action will be appreciated.

Thanking you,

Encl: As Above

Yours Sincerely,

(Ashok Kumar)

Gr. Sr Manager (E)

Uri I Stage II HE Project.