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To

The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Bharmour Forest Division at Bharmour,  
District Chamba, Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Sai Eternal Foundation (formerly known as Sai Engineering Foundation), Sai Bhawan, Sector-4, New Shimla-171009 (H.P.) for non-forestry use of 13.3082 hectares of forestland for the construction of Tundah-II Hydro Electric Project (24 MW) within the jurisdiction of Bharmour Forest Division, District Chamba in the State of Himachal Pradesh. **Online Proposal No: FP/HP/HYD/49283/2020.**

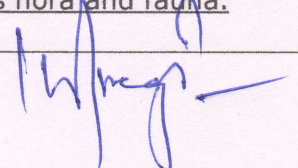
Respected Sir,

This is with reference to the observations/shortcomings raised on 10.03.2025 by the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India, New Delhi – 110003.

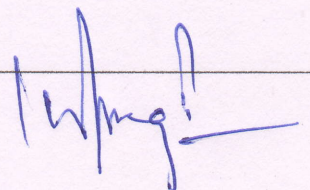
It is submitted that all the observations/shortcomings have been duly attended to. A point-wise reply is furnished below for your kind perusal and further necessary action/approval, please:-

S.No.	Observation	Reply
1.	The DFO Chamba Wildlife Division has mentioned in his certificate that the area proposed for diversion is 789 meters, whereas as per DSS report, the proposed forest area for diversion is located inside Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary. Since the area proposed for diversion is inside Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary, copy of SBWL/NBWL approval obtained, if any may be submitted by the State Government.	<p>It is respectfully submitted that the <u>Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife), Chamba, vide Letter No. 1043 dated 28.06.2025, has categorically clarified that all components of the proposed HEP are situated outside the notified boundary of Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary. Though certain components fall within the Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ), no part of the proposed forest land proposed for diversion lies within the Sanctuary area.</u></p> <p>Further, <u>the PCCF (Wildlife) &amp; Chief Wildlife Warden, Himachal Pradesh, vide Letter No. WL (Misc)-18/Diversion/Vol-VII/8907 dated 24.02.2020, has stated that the nearest project component is approximately 789 meters from the boundary of Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary.</u></p> <p><u>In view of the above categorical clarifications issued by the competent wildlife authorities, the proposed forest land for diversion does not fall within the notified boundary of the Sanctuary. Accordingly, approval of the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) / National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) is not required in the present case.</u></p> <p>The relevant letters issued by the competent authorities have been uploaded in the "Additional Documents"</p>

		serial no. 1 (Letter No. 1043 dated 28.06.2025 & letter no. 8907 dated 24.02.2020) for kind reference and consideration.
2.	In component-wise break up, an area of 4.2877 hectares has been proposed for 15 muck dumping sites. Justification for proposing 15 muck dumping sites needs to be submitted by the State Government. Possibility of reducing the area to the barest minimum may be explored by the State Government and revised area, if any, may be intimated to the Ministry.	<p>The possibility of reducing the area to the barest minimum has been examined. The Nodal Agency, i.e., the Directorate of Energy, Government of Himachal Pradesh, vide Letter No. DoE/CE (Energy)/Tundah-II/2025-8748-49 dated 20.12.2025 (refer clarification against Observation Sl. No. 2), has confirmed that all viable alternatives were explored.</p> <p><u>Considering the estimated muck generation and the steep, fragile terrain, approximately 5 hectares have been provisioned for muck disposal as per Chapter 11 (Annexure-A) of the approved DPR. The proposed sites are in strict conformity with the DPR, and further reduction is not feasible without affecting project implementation.</u></p> <p><u>It is, however, undertaken that any surplus land, if unutilised after completion of construction, shall be surrendered.</u></p> <p>The aforesaid letter, along with Annexure-A and the undertaking, has been uploaded in the "Additional Documents" section of the online portal Part-I as Reply of Observation serial no. 2 (Letter No. 8748-49 dated 20.12.2025 &amp; Annexure A) for kind reference and consideration.</p>
3.	In component-wise break up, an area of 3.2102 hectares has been proposed for roads within are above FRL. State Government may inform whether the area sought for the same is barest minimum. Possibility of reducing the area to the barest minimum may be explored by the State Government and revised area, if any, may be intimated to the Ministry.	<p>The possibility of reducing the area to the barest minimum has been examined. The Nodal Agency, i.e., the Directorate of Energy, Government of Himachal Pradesh, vide Letter No. DoE/CE (Energy)/Tundah-II/2025-8748-49 dated 20.12.2025 (refer clarification against Observation Sl. No. 3), has clarified that the proposed area of 3.2102 hectares is the barest minimum required for construction of approach roads to various components of the Tundah-II Hydroelectric Power Project.</p> <p><u>The proposed road alignments are in accordance with the approved DPR, and any further reduction is not technically feasible without adversely affecting project implementation.</u></p> <p>The aforesaid letter has been uploaded in the "Additional Documents" section of the online portal Part-I as Reply of Observation serial no. 3 (Letter No. 8748-49 dated 20.12.2025) for kind reference and consideration.</p>
4.	The instant proposal falls under Not-in High Conservation Value (HCV) Zone Value as per Decision Rule 2. However, as per Decision Rule 1 proposed area falls in High Conservation Value Zone (as the proposed project is located in Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary). Comments from State	<p>The Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife), Chamba, vide Letter No. 1043 dated 28.06.2025, has <u>categorically clarified that all components of the proposed HEP are situated outside the notified boundary of Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary.</u> Although certain components fall within the Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ), the proposed forest land for diversion does <u>not lie within the Sanctuary boundary and is not likely to adversely affect its flora and fauna.</u></p>



	Government in this regard needs to be submitted.	In view of the above clarification from the competent Wildlife Authority, the proposal does not fall within the notified Sanctuary boundary and <u>may not be treated as falling under High Conservation Value (HCV) Zone.</u>  A copy of Letter No. 1043 dated 28.06.2025 has been uploaded in the "Additional Documents" section of the online portal Part-I as Reply of Observation serial no. 4 (Letter No. 1043 dated 28.06.2025) for kind reference.
5.	Copy of approved CAT Plan is not submitted alongwith the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.	The Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan, with a <u>total approved cost of ₹3.25 Crores, has been duly sanctioned by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Himachal Pradesh, vide approval dated 14.07.2024. A copy of the approval of the competent authority, along with the approved CAT Plan (Pages 1 to 221), has been uploaded on the online portal part-I at Sr. No. M for kind reference and consideration.</u>
6.	3 alternative alignments have been explored by the User Agency for execution of the project, however, KML files are not submitted along with the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.	The KML files of the alternative alignments <u>have been uploaded on the PARIVESH portal part-I against the column no. C</u> for kind reference and necessary action.
7.	State Government is requested to intimate the status of approval of State Dam Safety Authority (SDSA) and National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) for the Tundah-II HEP. Other approvals received pertaining to Dam safety may kindly be intimated.	It is respectfully submitted that the Directorate of Energy, Government of Himachal Pradesh, vide Letter No. DoE/CE (Energy)/Tundah-II/2025-8748-49 dated 20.12.2025 (refer Observation Sl. No. vii), has <u>clarified that Tundah-II HEP is a run-of-river scheme with a small-capacity barrage.</u>  <u>Considering the limited scale of the hydraulic structure and the prevailing regulatory provisions, approval from the State Dam Safety Authority (SDSA) and National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) is not applicable to the project.</u>  The said clarification has been uploaded in the "Additional Documents" section of the online portal Part-I as Reply of Observation serial no. 7 (Letter No. 8748-49 dated 20.12.2025) for kind reference and consideration.
8.	As per DSS report, Compensatory Afforestation has been proposed over 26.62 ha degraded forest land, out of which, 1 ha is classified as very dense forest (Compartment/Survey No. 52D/16, Area Mangarh-III, Block/Beat-Rujag/Tiun, Tehsil Kullu, Distt. Kullu, Division-Kullu.  1 ha moderately dense forest land (Compartment/Survey No. 52H/4, Area-Dugilag-III, Block/Beat- Rujag/ Shalang, Tehsil- Kullu, Distt. Kullu, Division-Kullu). In this regard it is to inform that as per Rule 13 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023	It is respectfully submitted that the matter has been duly examined by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kullu.  In this regard, the DFO, Kullu, has issued <u>certificate dated 04.06.2025 clarifying the status of the said patches and confirming the suitability of the identified CA land in accordance with the applicable provisions.</u> Accordingly, identification of alternate CA sites is not required. The said certificate has been uploaded on the online portal for kind reference and consideration.  The remaining part of this observation pertains to your esteemed office. The <u>requisite Compensatory Afforestation (CA) details, namely the latest Site Suitability Certificate, revised site-specific CA Scheme, and DGPS maps, as communicated by the DFO, Kullu, may kindly be uploaded.</u>

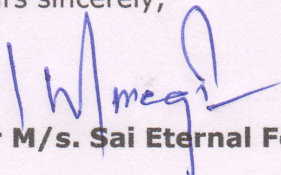


	alternate CA sites along with CA details viz. Site Suitability Certificate, site specific CA scheme, KML file and DGPS maps needs to be submitted by the State Government.	
9.	Legal status of proposed diversion land and CA site cannot be verified due to unavailability of RF/PF boundary for the State of Himachal Pradesh on DSS. State Government is requested to submit KML file of concerned Protected Forest pertaining to area proposed for diversion and concerned degraded forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation.	<p>The <u>KML file of the proposed diversion land has been uploaded. The RF/PF boundary, as required for verification, may kindly be provided by your esteemed office to facilitate compliance as desired by MoEF.</u></p> <p>Further, for verification of the <u>RF/PF boundary of the proposed CA land, the KML file of the boundary has already been forwarded to your good office. The same may kindly be provided to the concerned authority for necessary verification as desired by MoEF.</u></p>

In view of the above, the compliance report is hereby submitted for your kind consideration and necessary approval. It is, therefore, requested that the requisite permission from the competent authority may kindly be obtained at the earliest to facilitate timely implementation of the project.

An early and favourable action in the matter shall be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



**For M/s. Sai Eternal Foundation**

**Encl.- A/A.**