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Subject: Diversion of forest land for development of 8.50MW Lashpatri-I and 9.00MW Lashpatri-II Hydro Electric Project coming under Forest Division Sindh, district Ganderbal, UT of J&K: Request for joint inspection thereof.

Please find enclosed herewith letter No. ST/EDA/68/2017/568-70 dated: 25.03.2021, received from Executive Engineer, JAKEDA regarding the subject cited above. In this context the CF/DFO are requested to process the proposal as per request made by User Agency. The total forest area of the project after re-joint inspection may be communicated, so that matter may be taken up with NIC for changing of forest area on Parivesh portal.

(Sarvesh Rai) IFS

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Nodal Officer (FCA) 30.3.21

No:- PCCF/FCA/3152/ 6205-07

Dated:- 31/03/2021

To:

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2. Divisional Forest Officer, Sindh Forest Division Ganderbal.
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Sir,

The Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chandigarh has asked a few clarifications for diversion of forest land for the development of 8.50MW Lashpatri-I and 9.00MW Lashpatri-II hydro Electric Project for use of non forest purpose (Copies enclosed as annexure-A & B). One of the quarries is reproduced hereunder:-

"Equivalent non-forest land to be mutated in favour of State Forest Department since area proposed is 5.0 ha and relief under para 2.5(h) of FCA 1980 guidelines is not applicable."

In this regard, it is submitted that the Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal vide his Office letter No. DCG/SQ/2018/1524 dated 04.10.2018 (Copy enclosed as annexure-C) has already conveyed that there is no non-forest equivalent land available in the area of Lashpatri Sonamarg for transferring of the same to Forest Department for compensatory afforestation. Therefore, in lieu of the above communication conveyed by Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal, JAKEDA has asked the Independent Power Producer (IPP) to revisit the design of the various components of the power projects in a way to avoid unnecessary acquisition of surplus forest land and accordingly the developer has done the needful. Furthermore, it has been observed that due to the completion of Z-Mohar tunnel, the length of the interconnection point for both the projects has reduced resulting in lesser forest area to be acquired for the projects.

It is therefore requested to kindly issue the necessary instructions to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer, Sindh, District Ganderbal, for fresh date for joint inspection for finalization of the case for further submission. It is also requested to kindly allow JAKEDA to edit both the projects on parivesh portal so that the revised forest area to be acquired is edited accordingly.

Yours faithfully,


(Er. M A Banka)

Executive Engineer
JAKEDA

Copy to:-

1. Chief Executive Officer, JAKEDA, Jammu for kind information.
2. Divisional Forest Officer, Sindh Forest Division, Ganderbal for information.