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To,
The DFO,
Forest Division Chamba.

Subject :- Regarding diversion of 0.6030 hectares of forest land in favor of New Hydel Power for the construction of Banuala Baroond-II SHEP(0.80MW) within the jurisdiction of Chamba Forest Division Distt. Chamba HP (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/146882/2021) and Reply to observations thereof.

Reference- Online proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/146882/2021 EDSs raised by IRO Shimla on dated 26-04-2024

Dear Sir,

Kindly Find here the reply to the observation raised by IRO (MoEF) Shimla in favour of Banuala Baroond –II SHEP 0.80 MW.

Sr. No.	OBSERVATIONS	REPLY
1	As per analysis of shape/KML file of forest land proposed for diversion done by MoEF&CC Hq Team, New Delhi, calculated area is found to be 0.308 Ha(software calculated) instead of 0.603 ha. Accordingly revised KML/shape file for entire area proposed for diversion needs to be submitted along components mentioned under column B 2.4 Online Part-I.	In this regard the revised KML File along with all components proposed for diversion has been uploaded in Part- I online column (C).
2	In view of Para 9.3 (iii) of consolidated guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC on 29-12-2023 , <i>Carrying capacity and cumulative Impact Assessment study of river basin prerequisite for grant of "Inprinciple" approval under the Adhiniyam. As such carrying cpacity and Cumulative Impact Assessment study of river basin is need to be uploaded.</i>	<p>In this regard it is submitted that in the year of 2015, Ministry of Environment and Forest MoEF & CC, GoI, took in principle decision that all the CEIA and CCS Study in all River Basin will be conducted by Govt. Of India it's self. The CIA studies of Ravi Basin have not been carried out by MoEF & CC, GoI till date. Therefore, carrying capacity and Cumulative Impact Assessment Study of Ravi River basin cannot be provided at State Govt. level.</p> <p>Further, it is also submitted that Govt. of India vide letter No. Dated 27-12-2023 at point no. B has stated that <i>"Since grant of approval under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 is a time taking process, the forest conservation Division of the MoEF & CC may consider grant of 'in- principle 'approval under the Adhiniyam following due process subject to the conditions that Carrying Capacity Studies (CCS) and Cumulative Impact Assessment Studies (CIS) as per the OM NoJ-11013/I/2013— IA-I dated 28th May,2013 shall be carried out,</i></p>

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except for the first Hydro –Electric project in a river basin where such a study CCS and CIS need not be carried as mentioned in the aforesaid OM, and based on the outcome of such study the 'final' shall be granted for taking up any hydro – power project in a basin".

In point No. D, it has also been stated that "Detail of available River basin study reports shall be shared by the IA division of the MoEF&CC with the concerned State Government". But detail of Ravi river basin study has not been submitted by IA division of the MoEF & CC, GoI to the State Govt. therefore, carrying capacity and Cumulative Impact Assessment Study of Ravi river basin cannot be provided at the State Govt. level . It is therefore, requested that subject cited proposal may be approved as "in principle" with the condition as directed by MoEF vide letter dated 27.12.2023 & in view of the clarification given above.

So you are requested to consider the reply and we should be allowed "Inprinciple" approval in favour of this project for which we shall be very grateful to you.

Yours Truly

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