

**NH/HOP/SHEP/Env/2022/Camp/3****Date: 21.06.2023**

The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Ramban Forest Division,  
District, Ramban.

Sub: Sawalkote HE Project (1856 MW) – Ramban, online proposal FP/JKHYD/  
150591/2021 dated 31.12.2021. Reply to EDS regarding.

Ref: Your letter No. RFD/FCA/165 dated 07.04.2023.

Sir,

This has reference to your letter even dated 20.01.2022, in this regard, it is to intimate that the observations made by your good office, the point wise reply is as under:

1. In reply to point No. 01, the area uploaded in Part I under column B -2.1 is 185.165 ha for Ramban Forest Division but as per KML the area of Ramban Forest Division is 125.965, in this regard it is submitted that earlier the total Forest area involved in Ramban Forest Division is 125.955 only, but the Government of J&K UT, vide Government Order No. 64 FST of 2019 dated 25.02.2019, in the interest of public accorded sanction for transfer of Forest Area falling under Forest Range of Gool from the Territorial Jurisdiction of Mahore Forest Division to the Territorial Jurisdiction of Ramban Forest Division in the interest of the Government.

Earlier, JKSPDC worked out / shown an area measuring about 248 ha for Submergence/ Utilities in Mahore Forest Range & Gool Forest Range of Mahore Forest Division. Now the new area in Ramban Forest Division is 332.28 ha. The area was surveyed and demarcated/ delineated on ground by way of fixing Pillars, accordingly KML, SOI & Geo reference Maps have been prepared and shall be uploaded shortly.

2. In reply to point No. 02, in the part –I under column C (iii) for Ramban Forest Division, in this regard it is submitted that a fresh Toposheet along with attestation is uploaded.
3. In reply to point No. 03, in the part –I under column C (iv) for Ramban Forest Division, in this regard it is submitted that a fresh Geo reference Map along with attestation is Uploaded.
4. In reply to point No. 04, in the part –I, the total area of the Villages falling in Ramban Forest Division, are re verified and re submitted accordingly.
5. In reply to point No. 05, in the part –I under column F ii (a) regarding Rehabilitation & Resettlement Plan is attested & uploaded.



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6. In reply to point No. 06, in the part –I under column K (i) regarding submission of FRA Certificate for Ramban Forest Division, in this regard it is submitted that the copies of FRA Certificates issued by all the 3 Districts Deputy commissioners (Viz. Ramban, Udhampur & Reasi) are uploaded.
7. In reply to point No. 05, in the part –I under column L (iii) regarding reason for not providing the Non Forest Land, in this regard it is submitted that NHPC is a Central Public Sector Under taking , which is working directly under Ministry of Power under Special provisions for CA for certain categories of projects have been laid down under chapter 2.5 in the Hand Book of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules 2003 (Guidelines & Clarifications), the projects implemented by the Central Government/ PSU, excluding Central Govt./ Central PSUs projects implemented by/ through State Government and State Sector projects implemented by the Central/ PSUs , NHPC is exempted from providing Non Forest Land.
8. In reply to point No. 08, in the part –I under column L (ii) regarding providing Gairmumkin Jaad etc, the total area falling under the alignment of the project was worked out and accordingly submitted.
9. In reply to point No. 09, in the part –I under column M (a), in this regard it is submitted that the Catchment Area Treatment Plan is authenticated and further, regarding approval of CAT plan a correspondence was made with the PCCF, J&K for CAT Plan approval, which is pending. After receiving the same shall be uploaded.
10. In reply to point No. 10, in the part –I under column M (b) CAT Plan approval is pending with PCCF, J&K immediately, after receiving the same shall be uploaded.
11. In reply to point No. 11, under part –I additional information Details at serial No. 1 it is submitted that the copy of the DPR is authenticated & uploaded.
12. In reply to point No. 12, under part –I additional information Details at serial No. 3 it is submitted that the copy of the Layout Plan is authenticated & uploaded.

Yours faithfully,

*(Signature)*  
(Dr. G S S H Vora Prasad)  
Senior Manager (Environment)

Copy to for kind information:

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