

To

Nodal Officer (FCA)  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),  
S.A.S Nagar Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar

No 413

Dated 11-8-2020

Subject:

Diversion of 275.16 ha. (Instead of 109.64ha.) forest land ( 211.06 ha. Protected forest and 64.10 ha. PLPA area) excluding delisted area(58.75 ha ) out of 333.91 ha of total land for Reservoir of Shahpurkandi Dam Project in Tehsil Dhar Kalan Forest Division and district Pathankot. ( By. ( SANDESH RAJ ) EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SHAHPURKANDI DAM DIVISION NO.II, SHAHPURKANDI TOWNSHIP.) Proposal No. FP/PB/HYD/ 40592/ 2019.

Reference: Government of India File No. 9-PBC303/2019- CHA dated 26-05-2020

In reference to the above cited subject and replies to the queries received from User Agency ,the parawise replies are as under:

Sr. No.	Observations raised	Replies
1	The revised proposal has not included 58.75 ha of PLPA land. The User Agency has given the justification that the project is of public utility and the Supreme Court has allowed such types of work on de-listed PLPA land. The State Government has not offered any comment on the justification given by the User Agency. Land being a state subject, clear recommendation may be provided by the State	The justification given by the User Agency is genuine and it may be considered and accepted by the competent authority.
2	Whether such de-listed PLPA area has been diverted earlier in any public utility project like Road, Rail etc. in the State. The same may kindly be clarified with detail.	No such de-listed area has been diverted yet in this division.
3	CA has been proposed over 35 different sites. Most of the sites are less than 5 ha which cannot be accepted as per guidelines No 11- 423/2013-FC dated 22.05.2019. The same shall be revised and submitted as per the guidelines issued by the ministry from time to time. On DSS analysis it is found that most of CA patches are having different structures. All such patches shall be free from encroachment.	<p>The User Agency vide their letter no. 5528/SKB-161 dated 05-08-2020 informed this office that the patches of land with less than 5 hectares which are being proposed are contiguous to the Protected Forests and are allowable as per the MOEF&amp;CC guidelines F.No 11- 423/2013-FC dated 22.05.2019, as such it is requested that the same may be accepted.</p> <p>Furthermore,most of the patches which have areas less than 5 hectares fall in the forest deficit districts. These areas have been recommended to increase the forest cover . The district wise detail of patches is attached in Appendix I.</p> <p>The details of the same are appended in the additional documents.</p> <p>The areas of the building which were shown in KML files were not added in the calculation of the diversion area. All the patches showing different structures have been modified to exclude structure areas and the revised KML files have been uploaded on the portal.</p>

4	Approved R&R plan may be submitted.	The user agency has submitted that almost all the land for Shahpurkandi Dam Project was acquired in the years 1991 to 1999 and is owned by the state since then. The Oustees have been rehabilitated as per the policy in place at that time. The detailed implemented R&R Plan and R&R Policy approved by Punjab Government, are attached and have been uploaded on Part I F (II) (a) on the portal
5	Approved CAT (Catchment Treatment plan) shall be submitted.	It has already been uploaded on Part I M (II) (a) on the portal
6	The project involve Forest areas of Two states i.e Punjab and J&K. State Government may co ordinate with J&K government and explore possibility of preparing a composite proposal so that same can be analyzed in the Ministry comprehensively. The total land use of the project (including part of Punjab and J&K) may kindly be provided	The user agency has submitted that the total land required for the project is 3165.69 acre out of which 1637.74 acre falls in Punjab and a 1527.95 acre in J&K. It is submitted that case for the forest clearance has already been taken up with J&K Forest department/ Wildlife Department & it will take some time, interstate movement being curtailed by J&K Govt. on account of COVID-19. The case is to be processed and submitted to MOEF&CC by J&K state separately. It is therefore requested to consider the case for Forest clearance of area falling in Punjab; submitted by State of Punjab, separately, in the interest of this project of National importance.

  
 Divisional Forest Officer,  
 Pathankot.

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A copy is forwarded to :-

1. Conservator of Forests North Circle, Punjab, Hoshiarpur .
2. Excutive Engineer Project & R.M. Division RSD-Shahpurkandi .
3. Range Officer Dhar .

**Divisional Forest Officer**  
**Pathankot.**