

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, SHAHPURKANDI DAM PROJECT,
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, PUNJAB, SHAHPURKANDI TOWNSHIP

No. 5528-29 /SKB-161

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Divisional Forest Officer,
Pathankot.

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: Your office letter No. 349-53 dated 09.07.2020

With reference to the above cited subject, the point-wise replies are as under:

- i. Reply to be given by Forest Department, Punjab.
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- iii. The patches of land with less than 5 hectares that are being proposed, are contiguous to the Protected Forests and are allowable as per the MOEF&CC guidelines F. No 11- 423/2013-FC dated 22.05.2019, as such it is requested that the same may be accepted. Furthermore, most of 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**.
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.
- iv. It is pertinent to mention here 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.
- v. Approved CAT Plan has been uploaded on Part 1 M (II) (a) on the portal.
- vi. 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.

It is further submitted that as already requested at the time of the submission of the proposal initially, of the 333.91 Hectare submergence, 165.50 Hectare is river bed and is recorded as such in revenue records; "*gair mumkin dariya*". Present status of this land is wet/ barren and bears no vegetation. Even after the completion of the project it will remain as part of water and no development/ civil construction work will be undertaken in this part of the land. Similarly, the 58.75 Hectare land has been delisted from the list of forests as such cannot be claimed as forest. It is requested that the alternative land for compensatory afforestation be given for river bed as well as delisted non forest land may be exempted as Shahpurkandi National Project being aimed at fully utilization of the water within India as per Indus Water Treaty, which at present flowing waste to Pakistan. For balance 109.64 Hectare forest land alternate non forest land already stands identified and offered for compensation afforestation while submitting the initial proposal.

This is for your kind information and further necessary action please.

DA/- As above


Chief Engineer/SPKD
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Shahpurkandi Township

CC:
The Principal Secretary, Govt. of Punjab, Department of Water Resources,
Chandigarh for information please.

**DISTRICT WISE DETAILS OF PATCHES LESS THAN 5 HECATRES INCLUDED
IN PROPOSED DIVERSION AREA FOR FOREST**

| Sr No | District | Description of the patch | Area of Patch hect. | Name of existing forest contiguous to this patch | Area of existing forest contiguous to this patch | Forest Cover in the District (Sq Km) |
|-------|-----------|---|---------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Ropar | PSPCL land Chack Dheran (71.48ha), Batarla(3.1ha), Tibba Taprian (6.8ha) | 81.38 | | | 19.28% |
| 2 | Pathankot | Railway Line(RSD) | 33.95 | | | 23% |
| | | PSPCL Hydel Channel Surplus Land UBDC Villages (1) Khadawar (6.14 ha) (2) Kailashpur (4.64ha + 4.98 ha =9.62 ha) (3) Sujanpur (3.11ha + 2.95 ha= 6.06 ha) (4) Phool Piyara (3.49 ha) (5)Narot Mehra (4.99 ha) | 30.3 | Hydel Channel UBDC B/S | 208 | |
| | | Hydel Channel (Rajpura 3.38 ha +Jugial 2.5ha) | 5.88 | Both the patches of land are adjacent to each other and only separated by Shahpurkandi Hydel Channel which can be easily managed. These two patches of land (3.38ha + 2.50 ha) are more than 5 ha. | | |
| | | Dam Colony (Village Jugial) | 0.2 | L/S of Pathankot - Shahpurkandi Road | 6.25 | |
| | | Total land of Pathankot | 70.32 | | | |
| 3 | Amritsar | Majitha Division Amritsar | | | | 1% |
| | | Village Tig Nangal (Rest house Tig Nangal) | 1.36 | MAJITHA DISTRIBUTORY Rd. 42-44 L/ SIDE | 10 | |
| | | Village Chogwan/ Kohali (Rest House Kohali) | 2.94 | L.B.C Rd. 143-44 L/SIDE | 131 | |
| | | Village Iban (Rest House Iban) | 2.02 | M.B.L. CANAL Rd. 31-33 R/SIDE | 215 | |
| | | Village Khalra (Rest House Khalra) | 2.38 | M.B.L. CANAL Rd. 228-229 R/SIDE | | |
| | | Village Lopoke (Rest Houst Lopoke) | 1.57 | Pull DISTRIBUTORY Rd. 33-34 R/SIDE | 15 | |
| | | Village Mussa (Rest House Mussa) | 2.33 | MUSSA MINOR Rd. 28-29 R/SIDE | 3.5 | |
| | | Village Lalu Ghumman (Rest House Lalu Ghumman) | 1.49 | CHABBAL DISTRIBUTORY Rd. 50-51 L/SIDE | 20 | |
| | | Total land of Majitha | 14.07 | | | |

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| | | Division Amritsar | | | | |
| | | Jandiala Division Amritsar | | | | |
| | | Village Khawaspur (Khawaspur Rest House) | 1.89 | S.B.C CANAL Rd. 226-27 L/SIDE | 398.5 | |
| | | Village Dilwarpur (Dilawarpur rest House) | 1.52 | S.B.C CANAL Rd. 257-58 L/SIDE | | |
| | | Village Ghaggar Bhanna (Ghaggar Bhanna Rest house) | 1.45 | S.B.C R.d. 126-27 L/SIDE | | |
| | | Village Khara (Khara Rest House) | 1.9 | Khara Strip Dilawarpur ESCAPE Rd. 291-92 L/SIDE | 75 | |
| | | Village Maliyan (Jandiala Rest House) | 2.53 | AMRITSAR G.T ROAD Km. 436-437 R/SIDE | 136 | |
| | | Village Bhoewal (Bhoewal Rest House) | 1.87 | K.B.L. CANAL R.D 107-08 L/SIDE | 396.5 | |
| | | Village Jaura (Jaura Rest House) | 2.25 | K.B.L. CANAL Rd. 266-67 L/SIDE | | |
| | | Total land of Jandiala Division Amritsar | 13.41 | | | |
| | | Total land of Amritsar division | 27.48 | | | |
| | | 4 | Gurdaspur | Village Talwandi Bharth (Rest House Aliwal) | 5.67 | |
| Village Wariach (Rest House Kunjar) | 2.01 | | | Rd. 79 to 80 R/Side at M.B.U. CANAL FOREST STRIP | 117 | |
| Village Bhikari Harni (Rest House Sathiali) | 2.63 | | | K.B.L. CANAL FOREST STRIP R/S, K.B.U. CANAL FOREST STRIP | 102 | |
| | | | | Strip R/s Rd. 0 to Sathiali Pull, | 35 | |
| Sri Hargobindpur (Rest House Sri Hargobindpur) | 1.04 | | | Rd. 49 to 50 L/Side at RIARKI DISTRIBUTORY FOREST STRIP | 21 | |
| Total land of Gurdaspur, Madhopur & Majitha Division | 11.35 | | | | | |
| 5 | Sangrur | Ghaggar River (180 acre) | | | | 0.63% |
| | | Makror Sahib | 7.55 | | | |
| | | Mandvi | 17.22 | | | |
| | | Chandu | 7.71 | | | |
| | | Shahpur Their | 7.15 | | | |
| | | Andanan | 12.98 | | | |
| | | Nawan Gaon | 2.44 | | | |
| | | Jaswantpura @ Hotipur | 2.72 | | | |
| | | Baupur | 3.33 | | | |
| | | Banarsi | 9.09 | | | |
| | | Khanauri Kalan | 2.7 | | | |

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| | | Total land of Drainage Division Sangrur | 72.9 | | | |
| | | Lehal Division I.B Patiala | | | | |
| | | Gujjran Rest House | 2.02 | Ghaggar Branch Canal RD 121-122 L/Side | 300 | |
| | | Arkwas Disty | 9.71 | | | |
| | | Total land of Lehal Division I.B Patiala | 11.74 | | | |
| | | TOTAL LAND OF SANGRUR | 84.64 | | | |
| Grand Total | | | 275.16 | | | |

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