

No. RK/FCA/ 4571
Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh

Dated J/Nagar, the/ 28-8-2023

From: DFO Joginder Nagar

To: CCF Mandi

Sub: - **Diversion of 406.79 hectares of Forest Land in favour of Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd. for the construction of Thana Plaun HEP (191MW), falling under Forest Division, Jogindernagar and Mandi, (H.P.). Proposal No.: FP/HP/HYD/8255/2014.**

Sir,

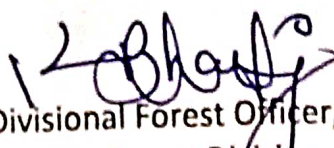
Kindly refer to Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), MOEF & CC, GOI, New Delhi letter No. : 8-21/2021-FC, dated 20.02.2023 regarding obtaining information from State Govt. In this context, the point wise reply to the information sought by Hon'ble FAC, MOEF & CC prepared in this office and as submitted by user agency is detailed as under:

Sr. No.	Additional information sought	Reply
Vi	Out of 45 patches for CA, 22 CA patches have some discrepancies as reported by the IRO in Site inspection report. The proposed Compensatory Afforestation areas shall be revisited keeping in view the observations of the IRO and areas suitable for plantation and free from all encumbrances shall be provided for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation.	Additional suitable CA patches of 105 hectares (70 ha. for Mandi Forest Division and 35 ha. for Jogindernagar Forest Division), have been provided copy land identified for CA (Checklist 16) enclosed as Annexure-A copy of the same uploaded at additional information in PAVIESH as well as updated at requisite filed of CA.
i	A study of the project area, impact of the proposed project and feasibility shall be conducted by the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), Dehradun at the cost of the user agency.	The said study has been conducted by Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), Dehradun and the report of the same is attached as Annexure-I .
ii	The approved mining plans in case of the proposed quarry sites shall be submitted.	The approved mining plans (5 no. quarries), of the project have been attached as Annexure-II .
iii	The State Govt. shall explore and make effort to locate the dumping sites on non-forest land.	Generally locations of the dumping sites are selected keeping in view the closest approach to Project site. In case of Thana Plaun HEP due to; (i) terrain of the area downstream of the project (narrow valley) and (ii) Large length of submergence area (16.5 Kms), upstream of the project, there

		<p>was no area available closest to the project site for dumping sites.</p> <p>Thus, after detailed investigations undertaken during Survey & Investigation works of the project the locations of dumping sites were finalized even though these dumping sites were more than 6 Kms. downstream of the project construction site. The same were approved by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) while according concurrence in favour Thana Plaun HEP on dated 07.09.2021 under Electricity Act, 2003.</p> <p>Also, one crushing unit for the project is proposed to be set up in one of the Dumping sites (<i>Annexure-IV</i>).</p> <p>However, keeping in view of observation raised by FAC, MOEF&CC, GOI the proposed forest land for dumping sites was again got re-verified from District Collector, Mandi and Certificate for Non-availability of Non Forest land for dumping sites has been granted in favour of the project. The same is attached as <i>Annexure-III</i>.</p>
iv	Crusher Units are proposed to be established; however as per SIR received from the IRO, their location has not been given in the proposal. The location plan for the crusher units shall be submitted.	<p>The area proposed for the crushers is already included under Dumping Yard-I and Quarry site-4 of the present proposal.</p> <p>The locations of the proposed Crusher Units (2 nos.) has been duly marked on the project location map and is attached as <i>Annexure-IV</i>.</p>
v	The road/bridge from Kotli to Jogindernagar is coming under submergence zone. In this regard, the NOC from the concerned agency shall be submitted.	NOC regarding realignment/shifting of road/bridge from Kotli to Jogindernagar has been obtained from HP Public Works Department and is attached as <i>Annexure-V</i> .

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

Encl. As above.


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