

No. 3692
H.P. Forest Department
Dated Reckong Peo, the,

13 Sept. 2023

From:

DCF Kinnaur Forest Division.

To: - CCF(T) Rampur,

Sub: Diversion of 7.3722 Ha. of forest land as additional forest land requirement in already approved diversion in favour of Shongtong Karchham Hydro Electric Project, HPPCL under the jurisdiction of Kinnaur Forest Division Distt. Kinnaur, H.P. (Online No. FP/HP/HYD/4061/2019).

Jai Hind,

Sir

This is in compliance to EDS raised by Assistant Inspector General of Forest MoEF&CC Forest Conservation Division New Delhi dated 8.08.2023, please find enclose herewith the compliance to the short comings i.r.o. subject cited FC case are as under: -

Sr. No.	Observation	Reply to observations																																																						
1	The State Govt. shall provide the details of approved dumping sites in earlier diverted area along-with the details of dumping sites proposed in the instant diversion proposal. A comparative list of dumping sites along with Kml files shall be submitted.	<p>In earlier approved forest diversion case of 63.5015 ha. There were 6 no. of dumping sites approved in the FC case. Whereas in the instant diversion proposal for 7.3722 ha. there are 4 no. of dumping sites, the comparative list is as under: -</p> <table><tr><th colspan="3">Approved dumping sites in earlier diverted 63.5015 ha.</th><th colspan="3">Proposed dumping sites in additional FC case 7.3722 ha.</th></tr><tr><th>D site</th><th>Kh. No</th><th>Area in ha.</th><th>Dumping site</th><th>Kh. No</th><th>Area in ha.</th></tr><tr><td>D.S.1</td><td>470</td><td>1.1383</td><td>DS-A</td><td>2/2</td><td>2.3813</td></tr><tr><td>D.S. 2</td><td>301, 648, 805</td><td>0.3794</td><td>DS-B</td><td>2/1</td><td>1.1005</td></tr><tr><td>D.S. 3</td><td>724/576/1, 571/1</td><td>0.8928</td><td>DS-C</td><td>561/1, 568, 569</td><td>1.4470</td></tr><tr><td>D.S. 4</td><td>4/1,</td><td>1.2450</td><td>DS-D</td><td>3/2</td><td>0.2960</td></tr><tr><td>D.S. 5</td><td>303/2</td><td>0.8626</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>D.S. 6</td><td>24/1/24/2</td><td>0.5819</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>5.0700</td><td></td><td></td><td>5.2248</td></tr></table> <p>Kml file of both i.e. earlier diverted dumping sites DS-1 to DS-6 and proposed dumping sites i.e. DS-A to DS-D were already provided with the case, however same is being resubmitted again please.</p>	Approved dumping sites in earlier diverted 63.5015 ha.			Proposed dumping sites in additional FC case 7.3722 ha.			D site	Kh. No	Area in ha.	Dumping site	Kh. No	Area in ha.	D.S.1	470	1.1383	DS-A	2/2	2.3813	D.S. 2	301, 648, 805	0.3794	DS-B	2/1	1.1005	D.S. 3	724/576/1, 571/1	0.8928	DS-C	561/1, 568, 569	1.4470	D.S. 4	4/1,	1.2450	DS-D	3/2	0.2960	D.S. 5	303/2	0.8626				D.S. 6	24/1/24/2	0.5819					Total	5.0700			5.2248
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2	The State Govt. shall submit justification for non-dumping of muck in the designated site of DS-4.	The project proponent has dumped 48,401.0 cum of muck in designated dumping site no. 4 as per the actual quantity/capacity of dumping site. This position is also stated in response to observation 'Para no 3' of reply by HP state Govt. dated 16 th July 2023. Further, DS-4 could not be used fully for dumping. Due to landslide in and around the dumping site the capacity of designated sites reduced drastically. To make up for above deficit HPPCL has dumped muck on private land on specific request of the local people. In addition to above, forest land measuring 5.2248 ha. at four locations have been requested for diversion in instant proposal for dumping of muck. Justification to this effect has been attached.
3	Govt. of Himachal Pradesh vide their letter dated 16.07.2023 reported that a committee has been formed to assess the capacity of all the designated dumping sites and the revised muck management plan will be finalized after finalization of land. Accordingly, the approved muck management plan shall be submitted.	Final Muck management Plan of the proposed site has been attached and same has also been sent for approval to H.P. State Pollution Control Board (HPSCB). The approved Muck Management Plan will be submitted before Stage-II approval. Undertaking to the effect of submission of the plan is attached.
4	The State Govt. shall submit the details of funds deposited towards revised CAT plan in National Authority and its confirmation which is not available with the Ministry. The reason for slow progress in implementation of CAT plan shall be given.	In respect of Shongtong Karcham HEP Rs 60.44 Crore were deposited in CAMPA account on dated 01.10.2012 against CAT plan. Balance funds amounting to Rs 9, 75, 57,500/- were deposited towards revised CAT plan in CAMPA account on 12.07.2023. Copy of both the receipt with UTR number is enclosed as Annexure-C . Reason for slow progress of implementation of CAT is due to delay in sanctioning of funds from Central CAMPA to State CAMPA and limited working period and harsh weather condition in the area, and due to frequent changes in the climatic condition of the area in last few decades.
5	The State Govt. shall submit a detailed report in connection with compliance of condition no. 15 of approval dated 14.11.2022 regarding regeneration of equivalent area of degraded forest land.	As per the progress report on activities implemented under "Regeneration of Equal amount of degraded forest land project Proponent has deposited Rs. 1,36,73,737/- which has been fully utilized as per progress report for the year 2016-17 & 2017-18 as per the record of this office. Copy of progress report and utilization certificate is attached as Annexure-D . As per condition No 15 of approval dated 14.11.2022 regarding regeneration of equivalent area of degraded forest land project proponent has deposited Rs.

		<p>1,36,73,737/- vide demand Draft No 630174 dated 21.04.2011., in compliance to it, HP Forest Department has developed plantation on account of regeneration of equivalent area of degraded forest land i.r.o STKHEP, during the year 2016-17 with plantation activities in various beat of Kinnaur Forest Division i.e. at Lippa on C-216, over 10 ha., Pangi on C-234 over 5 ha., Rogi -245 over 10 ha., Rarang on UF Thopan over 10 ha, Moorang on UF, Shurting over 10 ha., Leo, on UF Chulling over 5 ha and Kalpa, on C-238 over 10 Ha. Total 60 ha. of Forest land were planted with new plantation with a financial expenditure of Rs. 60,51,300/- incurred . In the Financial year 2017-18 new plantation were carried out in various other Beats of Kinnaur Forest Division i.e. Rarang on UF- Rarang on 15 ha, Pangi on C-237 over 5 ha. , Rogi on C-244, over 10 ha, Rarang on UF- Khadra over 10 ha. , Moorang on C-197 over 10 ha, Skiba on C-187 over 5 ha, and Kalpa on C-240 over 10 ha. of forest land with and financial expenditure of RS, 76,22,900/- over 60 ha of Forest land were under taken and financial progress of the same was conveyed to GM Shongtong Karchham HEP vide this office letter No UC.(S-K) HEP/8845 dated 31.03.2018</p>
6	<p>There is a violation over an area of 0.5883 ha. as reported by the State. The justification and action taken report in this regard shall be submitted by the State.</p>	<p>It is submitted in the matter that the Shongtong Project is a flagship project as conveyed by Project proponent and the largest one undertaken by GoHP so far. Due to various reasons project has got delayed. The stated violation has happened in silt flushing area which is critical for the commissioning of the Project and is getting completed as a last activity of the project. The instant FCA proposal which seeks diversion of this patch of land was submitted way back in October 2019; however, due to repeated objections at different levels the proposal is still not approved. HPPCL had started the work with the hope that proposal will get through in due course. So the work was started with greater public interest in mind and not due to any vested interest.</p> <p>In any case this office on 18.01.2023 has penalized Project proponent with Rs. 41,21,058.0 with 12% interest from the date of reporting violation. The works on area in question is also completely stopped and no construction activities are going on.</p>
7	<p>The reservoir to be created due to submergence is required to be declared as Reserve Forest under</p>	<p>Project proponent has taken up this matter with DC & this office. The DC Kinnaur has requested this office to take further necessary action, as per Indian Forest</p>

	Indian Forest Act. 1927. A copy of notification for the same shall be submitted.	Act 1927. It is however submitted that declaration is a time taking process and there is certain SOP to be followed prior to completion of the project same will be declared. The works of project are already delayed and this diversion is very critical for the progress of the Project. It is therefore requested that the two issues may not be linked.
8	The area of 1.8248 ha. for the components of instant diversion [Adit-I (0.5883), Dumping site below Adit-I (1.1005 ha.) and Road to RBM Site (0.136 ha.)] is overlapping with the 'Barrage' component of earlier approved forest area (63.5015 ha.) which need clarification with correct KML file.	Area measuring 0.5883 ha. for Adit -I & 1.1005 ha. for dumping site below Adit -I, is included in the instant proposal of additional FC case of Area measuring 7.3722 ha. A portion of the road to RBM site measuring 0.1360 ha. was inadvertently left out in previous proposal due to its proximity with the larger patch diverted in original proposal of 60.5015 ha. Therefore this patch was included in the present proposal. As far as overlapping of the area with Barrage component is concerned the same is being rectified.
9	The KML file of earlier diversion of 63.5015 ha. Shall be uploaded on PARIVESH.	KML file of earlier diversion of 63.5015 ha. was provided in the shape of CD against observation at 'Para no 8' of previous reply of HP state Govt. dated 16.July 2023, however the same is being uploaded on PRIVESH portal .

This is for your kind information and further recommendation of the case to higher authority please.

DA: As above.



Deputy Conservator of Forest,
Kinnaur Forest Division,
At Reckong Peo.

UNDERTAKING FOR MUCK MANAGEMENT PLAN

I, General Manager, Shongtong Karchham HEP, HPPCL Reckong Peo Distt. Kinnaur H.P. do hereby submit that the Final Muck Management Plan of the proposed site has been attached and same has also been sent for approval to H.P. State Pollution Control Board (HPSCB). The approved Muck Management Plan will be submitted before Stage-II approval.

K. D. Mahapatra
General Manager,
Shongtong Karchham HEP
HPPCL, Reckong-Peo,
Distt. Kinnaur (HP).

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Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Kinnaur Forest Division at R/Peo H.P.

JUSTIFICATION FOR NON-DUMPING OF MUCK IN DESIGNATED SITE OF DS-4

The project proponent has dumped 48,401.0 cum of muck in designated dumping site no. 4 as per the actual quantity/capacity of dumping site. This position is also stated in response to observation 'Para no 3' of reply by HP state Govt. dated 16.July 2023. Further, DS-4 could not be used fully for dumping due to the following reasons:-

1. Due to landslide in and around the dumping site the capacity of designated sites reduced drastically.

In addition to above, the forest land measuring 5.2248 ha. at four locations has been requested for diversion in instant proposal for dumping of muck.

g/s

6/11/23

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Kinnaur Forest Division at R/Peo H.P

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Long-Karchham HEP,
Reckong Peo
Kinnaur (HP) 172107

No. UC.(S-K HEP)/ 8845
H.P. Forest Department.

Dated, R/Peo, the 31.3.2018

From:

Divisional Forest Officer,
Kinnaur Forest Division.

To:

The General Manager,
Shongtong-Karchham HEP. at Reckong Peo.

Subject: Shongtong Karchham HEP- Progress report on activities implemented under "Regeneration of Equal amount of degraded forest" thereof.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. HPPCL/GM-STKHEP/Forest-X/2018- 5849-51 dated 01.12.2018, on the subject cited above.

As desired the final progress report alongwith "Utilization certificate on Form GFR-19A" on activities implemented under "Regeneration of Equal amount of degraded forest" for the year as mentioned below is sent herewith for favour of information and necessary action please.

Year.	Amount Utilized during the year.	Remarks.
2016-17	Rs. 60,51,300	Progress report attached.
2017-18	Rs. 76,22,900	Progress report attached.
Total.	Rs. 1,36,74, 200	Amount of Rs. 1,36,73,737/- has been fully utilized as per progress report for the year 2016-17 & 2017-18. The Utilization certificated is attached.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Forest Officer,
Kinnaur Forest Division.
At Reckong Peo.

Encl :- As above.

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Kinnaur Forest Division at R/Peo H.P

Dy. General Manager
Shongtong-Karchham HEP,
HPPCL, Reckong Peo,
Distt. Kinnaur (H. P.) 172107

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FORM GFR 19-A

[See Government of India's Decision (1) below Rule 150]
Form of Utilization Certificate

Sr. No.	Letter No. & date of sanction scheme	Total Amount sanctioned
1.	HPPCL/GM-STKHEP/Forest-X/2011 Demand Draft No. 630174 dated 21.4.2011	1,36,73,737/-
	Total	1,36,73,737/-

Certified that **Rs. 1,36,73,737-** (Rs. One Crore, thirty six lac, seventy three thousand seven hundred & thirty seven) only grants-in-aid sanctioned under head "Shongtong-Karchham HEP" fund during the financial year 2011-12 in favour of Divisional Forest Officer, Kinnaur at Reckong Peo under this Ministry/Department letter No. given in the margin and Rs. _____ Nil _____ on account of unspent balance of the previous year, an amount of **Rs. 1,36,73,737/-** only has been utilized for the purpose of "Regeneration of Equal amount of degraded forest" (As per progress report enclosed) for which it was sanctioned andnil..... amount is lying balance for utilization.

2. Certified that I have satisfied myself, that the conditions on which the grants-in-aid was sanctioned have been duly fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised that following checks to see that the money was actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.

Kinds of checks exercised:-

1. 100% by concerned beat Guard, Block Officer & Range Forest Officer.
2. 50% by Assistant Conservator of Forests.
3. 25% and randomly by DFO Kinnaur

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HPPCL, Reckong Peo,
Distt. Kinnaur (H. P) 172107

Progress report on activities implemented under "Regeneration of Equal amount of degraded forest" under Shongtong-Karchham HEP. during the year 2016-17.

Sr.No.	Name of Activity.	Name of Beat.	Name of Area.	Phy. Ach.	Financial Ach.
1.	New plantation.	Lippa.	C-216	10 ha.	625000
2.	New plantation.	Pangi.	C-234	5 ha.	312500
3.	New plantation.	Rogi.	C-245	10 ha.	625000
4.	New plantation.	Rarang.	UF-Thopan	10 ha.	625000
5.	New plantation.	Moorang.	UF-Shurting.	10 ha.	625000
6.	New plantation.	Leo.	UF-Chulling.	5 ha.	312500
7.	New plantation.	Kalpa.	C-239	10 ha.	625000
8.	Total.			60 ha.	37,50,000
9.	Cost of Plants in Nurseries.			66000 No.	14,85,000
10.	Cost of material i.e. B/wire etc.				Rs. 8,16,300/-
	Grand Total item No. 8, 9, 10				Rs. 60,51,300/-

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Divisional Forest Officer,
Kinnaur Forest Division,
Reckong Peo.

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Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Kinnaur Forest Division at R/Peo H.P

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Dy. General Manager
Shongtong-Karchham HEP,
HPPCL, Reckong Peo,
Distt. Kinnaur (H. P.) 172107

Progress report on activities implemented under "Regeneration of Equal amount of degraded forest" under Shongtong-Karchham HEP. during the year 2017-18.

Sr.No.	Name of Activity.	Name of Beat.	Name of Area.	Phy. Ach.	Financial Ach.
1.	New plantation.	Rarang.	UF-Rarang.	15 ha.	937500
2.	New plantation.	Pangi.	C-237	5 ha.	312500
3.	New plantation.	Rogi.	C-244	10 ha.	625000
4.	New plantation.	Rarang.	UF-Khadra.	10 ha.	625000
5.	New plantation.	Moorang.	C-197	10 ha.	625000
6.	New plantation.	Skibba.	C-187	5 ha.	312500
7.	New plantation.	Kalpa.	C-240	10 ha.	625000
8.	Total.			65 ha.	40,62,500
9.	Cost of Plants in Nurseries.			71500 No.	16,08,750
10.	Maint. Of old plantation- 2016-17			60 ha.	Rs. 5,28,000
11.	Cost of material.				Rs. 14,23,650
	Grand Total item No. 8,9,10,& 11.				Rs. 76,22,900/-

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Kinnaur Forest Division,
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No. UC.(S-K HEP)/7805
H.P. Forest Department.

Dated, R/Peo, the 31.3.2017

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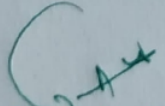
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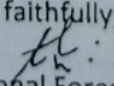
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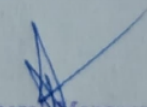
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Total.	Rs. 60,51,300	Amount of Rs. 60,51,300/- has been utilized as per progress report for the year 2016-17 & 2017-18. The Utilization certificated is attached. The remaining amount will be fully utilized during 2017-18.

Encl :- As above.


Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Kinnaur Forest Division at R/Peo H.P.

Yours faithfully,


Divisional Forest Officer,
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At Reckong Peo.


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31/06/23 Andhra

NEFT / RTGS CHALLAN for CAMPA Funds

Date : 12-07-2023

Agency Name.	SHONGTONG KARCHHAM HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT, HPPCL
Application No.	5685100616
MoEF/SG File No.	NA
Location.	HIMACHAL PRADESH
Address.	Shongtong Karchham HEP, HPPCL, Reckong peo, Distt. Kinnaur Kinnaur
Amount(in Rs)	97557500/-

Amount in Words :Nine Crore Seventy-Five Lakh Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Rupees Only

NEFT/RTGS to be made as per following details;

Beneficiary Name:	HIMACHAL PRADESH CAMPA
IFSC Code:	UBIN0996335
Pay to Account No.	150705685100616 Valid only for this challan amount.
Bank Name & Address:	Union Bank Of India FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027

* This Challan is strictly to be used for making payment to CAMPA by NEFT/RTGS only

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31/06/23 Andhra

NEFT / RTGS CHALLAN for CAMPA Funds

Date : 12-07-2023

Agency Name.	SHONGTONG KARCHHAM HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT, HPPCL
Application No.	5685100616
MoEF/SG File No.	NA
Location.	HIMACHAL PRADESH
Address:	Shongtong Karchham HEP, HPPCL, Reckong peo, Distt. Kinnaur Kinnaur
Amount(in Rs)	97557500/-

Amount in Words :Nine Crore Seventy-Five Lakh Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Rupees Only

NEFT/RTGS to be made as per following details;

Beneficiary Name:	HIMACHAL PRADESH CAMPA
IFSC Code:	UBIN0996335
Pay to Account No.	150705685100616 Valid only for this challan amount.
Bank Name & Address:	Union Bank Of India FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027

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