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Date 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

F.No. 6-48/2020 WL

To  
The Commissioner/Secretary,  
Forest, Environment and Ecology Department  
Government of Jammu and Kashmir,  
Civil Secretariat,  
Forest Complex,  
Exchange Road,  
Jammu – 180001.

**Sub: - Proposal for construction of Ujh multipurpose project, Jammu & Kashmir-  
Recommendations of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life in 58<sup>th</sup>  
meeting – reg.**

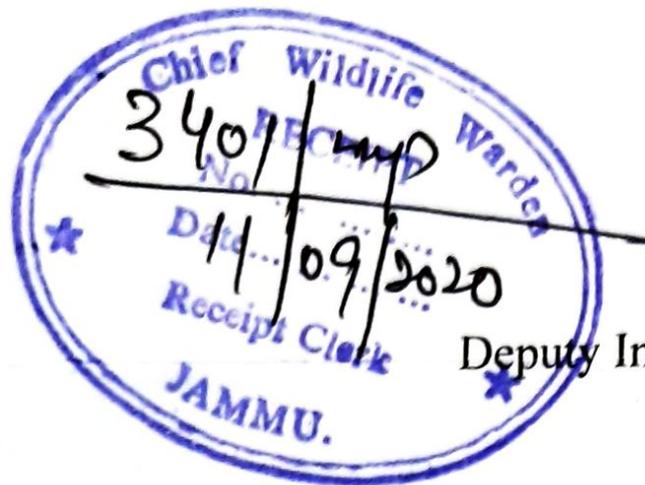
Sir,

Reference is invited to the subject mentioned. The 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020 through video conference under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

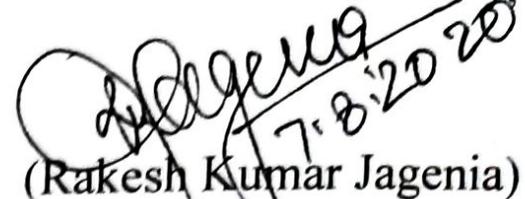
The Standing Committee considered the proposal for use of 4350 ha of land for the construction of 116 m high concrete face rock fill dam across the river Ujh, a powerhouse of installed capacity 186 MW (3 x 62 MW) and powerhouse of 26 MW (1 x 2 MW + 1 x 24 MW) and a barrage 11.5 KM downstream of the dam. However, only a small portion of the right main canal (1200 m) would be constructed as underground canal in the ESZ on the north side of sanctuary. The Standing Committee noted that the State Chief Wild Life Warden had recommended the proposal without any conditions.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal and suggested that the Chief Wild Life Warden should take measures for protection of wild life such as rhesus monkey, porcupine etc. in the area.

The relevant portion of the minutes of 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SCNBWL are enclosed, for your reference.



Yours Faithfully,

  
(Rakesh Kumar Jagenia)

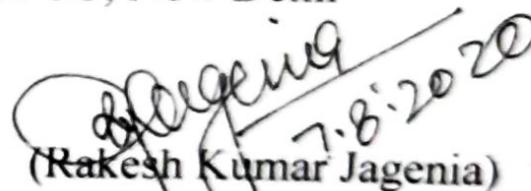
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## **Minutes of 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SC-NBWL**

### **Proposal for construction of Ujh multipurpose project, Jammu & Kashmir**

The Member Secretary briefed the Standing Committee on the project for use of 4350 ha of land for the construction of 116m high concrete face rock fill dam across the river Ujh, a powerhouse of installed capacity 186 MW (3 x 62 MW) and powerhouse of 26 MW (1 x 2 MW + 1 x 24 MW) and a barrage 11.5 KM downstream of the dam. However, only a small portion of the right main canal (1200 m) would be constructed as underground canal in the ESZ on the north side of sanctuary. The State Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposal without any conditions.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal and suggested that the Chief Wild Life Warden should take measures for protection of wild life such as rhesus monkey, porcupine etc. in the area.



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## GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN

The Commissioner/ Secretary to Government,  
Forest, Environment & Ecology Department,  
Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

No:WLP/Tech/2020/132-33  
Dated: 11.09.2020.

**Subject:** Proposal for construction of Ujh multipurpose project, Jammu & Kashmir- regarding Wildlife clearance of portion of project falling in Eco-Sensitive Zone of Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary.

**Reference:** MoEF&CC F.No. 6-48/2020WL Dated: 13.07.2020

Madam,

The subject matter was discussed and cleared in 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of State Board for Wildlife held on 18.10.2019 and subsequently submitted to Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife.

Further, the proposal was also cleared by the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife in its 58<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 03.07.2020. The decision of the Standing Committee of the National for Wildlife is reproduced hereunder;

"The Member Secretary briefed the Standing Committee on the project for use of 4350 ha of land for the construction of 116m high concrete face rock fill dam across the river Ujh, a powerhouse of installed capacity 186 MW (3x6 MW) and powerhouse of 26 MW (1x2MW + 1x24 MW) and a barrage of 11.5 Km downstream of the dam. However, only a small portion of the right main canal (1200m) would be constructed as underground canal in the Eco-Sensitive Zone on the north side of sanctuary. The State Chief Wildlife Warden has recommended the proposal without any conditions.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal and suggested that the Chief Wildlife Warden should take measures for protection of Wildlife such as rhesus monkey, porcupine etc in the area".

It is worthwhile to mention that the conditions have been laid down by Standing Committee of the State Board for Wildlife in its meeting mentioned above.

In view of above, it is requested that formal orders with respect to Wildlife clearance for "**construction of Ujh multipurpose project, Jammu & Kashmir**" (portion falling in Eco-Sensitive Zone of Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary) may kindly be issued as

cleared by Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife on the conditions laid down by it and the Standing Committee of the State Board for Wildlife as under;

- a) Since the Ujh river is the main source of water for the wildlife of Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary, the User Agency will ensure that sufficient water must flow downstream after diverting into Left Main Canal and Right main Canal for sustenance of Wildlife throughout the year especially during the summer and dry winter season. As per User Agency, minimum agreed/ proposed flow in the river for maintaining ecology is 2.06 Cumec. Any violation in this regard will be the direct responsibility of User Agency and action under Wildlife Protection Act will be initiated against the User Agency for any loss of Wildlife due to scarcity of the water.
- b) The work on Right Main canal which passes through stretch of 1200 m into the proposed Eco-Sensitive Zone should be executed as per proposed alignment. The said alignment will be underground and passing through the forest area between Bhakta-Khad and Tarnah-Khad.
- c) Extraction or dumping of any construction material inside the sanctuary area shall not be allowed.
- d) All the rules and regulations as per the Wildlife Protection Act and directions from the Hon'ble Supreme Court may be adhered to strictly.
- e) The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue.
- f) The Chief Wildlife Warden shall take measures for protection of Wildlife such as rhesus monkey, porcupine etc in the area.

Yours Faithfully,

  
(Suresh Kr. Gupta) IFS  
Chief Wildlife Warden,  
J&K, Government

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Copy to the Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu for information.

