

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: the 2nd November, 2020

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests)  
Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation,  
Government of Punjab,  
Mini Secretariat, Sector-9, Chandigarh

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for use of 275.16 ha (instead of 109.64 ha of forest land originally proposed) [(211.06 ha protected forest) + (64.10 ha. PLPA area)] excluding de-listed area (58.75 ha) out of 333.91 ha of forest land for construction of Reservoir of Shahpur Kandi Dam Project in Tehsil –Dhar Kalan under Forest Division and Distt. Pathankot. (Online proposal No. FP/PB/HYD/40592/2019)-reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the letter FCA/1980/135/2019/170 dated 19.06.2019, letter No. FOREST-FCA0FC3P/8/2020-FCA dated 16.08.2020 and letter No. FCA/1980/135/2019/3885 dated 17.08.2020 of Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests cum Nodal Officer (FCA) Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation, Govt. of Punjab, on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the Government of Punjab and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, the Central Government hereby agrees *to accord "In-principle"* approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for use of 275.16 ha (instead of 109.64 ha of forest land originally proposed) [(211.06 ha protected forest) + (64.10 ha. PLPA area)] excluding de-listed area (58.75 ha) out of 333.91 ha of forest land for construction Reservoir of Shahpur Kandi Dam Project in Tehsil–Dhar Kalan under Forest Division and Distt. Pathankot subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) *This recommendation for 'in-principle' approval should not be construed in any manner as prior consent of the FAC to recommend diversion of the forest area on the J&K side. To avoid a fait accompli, FAC also recommended that compliance of the conditions of this in-principle approval shall be initiated only after in-principle approval for diversion of forest area in J&K part of the*

- project is obtained.*
- (iii) *State Government and user agency shall ensure that the CA areas are free of encroachment and encumbrances prior to submission of compliance report by the user agency.*
- (iv) **Compensatory Afforestation (CA):**
- (a) CA shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 275.16 ha. of Non-forest land, as per approved Compensatory Scheme and area, at the cost of the User Agency. As far as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted, and mono-culture of a species has to be avoided.
- (b) The non-forest land proposed for CA shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section-4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, will be submitted by the State Government prior to Stage-II approval;
- (v) The cost of CA at the prevailing wage rates as per CA scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.
- (vi) **Net Present Value (NPV):**
- (a) The State Government shall charge the NPV for 275.16 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the Guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard.
- (b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (vii) The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- (viii) All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal.
- (ix) Copy of approved Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan shall be submitted in accordance to para no. 4.8 (i) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Handbook, if applicable.
- (x) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- (xi) All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to the CAMPA fund only through the e-portal (parivesh.nic.in).

(xii) The complete compliance report shall be uploaded on the above e-portal.

3. After receipt of the report on compliance to the conditions stipulated in the paragraph-2 above, from the Government of Punjab, **Final/Stage-II** approval for diversion of the proposed forest land under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be issued by this Ministry. Transfer of the said forest land to the User Agency shall not be affected by the Government of Punjab till Final/Stage-II approval for its diversion is issued by this Ministry.

**Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-**

**(Sandeep Sharma)  
Asst. Inspector General of Forests (FC)**

**Copy to: -**

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Punjab, Sector-68, SAS Nagar, Mohali.
2. The Regional Officer, NRO, Chandigarh.
3. The Addl. PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Punjab, Sector-68, SAS Nagar, Mohali.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.

ਪਿੱਠ ਅੰਕਣ ਨੰ: FCA 1980/ 1536 - 37

ਮਿਤੀ: 9-11-20

ਨਕਲ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ:-

1. Sh. Sandesh Raj Executive Engineer shahpurkandi Dam Division No. II, Shahpurkandi Township ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜਕੇ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਹਦਾਇਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਇੰਨ-ਬਿੰਨ ਪਾਲਣਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ। ਸਰਤ ਨੰ: 3 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਡਾਇਵਰਟ ਹੋਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਰਕਬੇ ਦੇ ਬਦਲੇ ਜੋ ਆਪ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਲੈਂਡ ਵਣ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਣੀ ਹੈ ਉਹ ਐਨਕਰੋਚਮੈਂਟ ਖਾਲੀ ਕਰਵਾਕੇ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਅਤੇ ਰੇਲਵੇ ਲਾਈਨ ਵਾਲੀ ਸਾਈਟ ਵੀ ਵਨੀਕਰਨ ਯੋਗ ਕਰਕੇ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।

ਸਰਤ ਨੰ:4 (b) ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਜੋ ਆਪ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਮੀਨ ਵਣ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਣੀ ਹੈ ਉਸ ਜਮੀਨ ਦਾ ਇੰਤਕਾਲ ਵਣ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੇ ਨਾਂ ਤੇ ਕਰਵਾਕੇ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ।

ਕੰਪਨਸੇਟਰੀ ਅਫਾਰਸਟੇਸਨ ਲਈ 244910087.8/- ਰੁਪਏ, ਅਡੀਸਨਲ ਸੀ. ਏ. ਦੀ ਬਣਦੀ ਰਕਮ 1202644.46 ਐਨ. ਪੀ. ਵੀ. ਦੀ ਬਣਦੀ ਰਕਮ 220953480/- ਰੁਪਏ ਅਤੇ CAT Plan ਦੀ ਬਣਦੀ ਰਕਮ 152135292/- ਰੁਪਏ ਕੁੱਲ 619201504/- ਰੁਪਏ ਦੀ ਰਕਮ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ [parivesh.nic.in](http://parivesh.nic.in) ਰਾਹੀਂ ਚਲਾਨ ਜਨਰੇਟ ਕਰਕੇ ਐਡਹਾਕ ਕੈਂਪਾਂ ਅਕਾਉਂਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਕੇ ਰਸੀਦ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਵੇ।

ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ Reservoir ਏਰੀਏ ਦੀ ਡਾਇਵਰਜਨ ਲਈ 2751600 ਸਕੇਅਰ ਮੀਟਰ ਰਕਬਾ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵਿਤ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ 2751600 ਸਕੇਅਰ ਮੀਟਰ ਰਕਬੇ ਦੀ 50/- ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਸਕੇਅਰ ਮੀਟਰ ਦੇ ਹਿਸਾਬ ਨਾਲ 137580000/- ਰੁਪਏ ਦੀ ਐਪਲੀਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਪ੍ਰੋਸੈਸਿੰਗ ਚਾਰਜਜ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਜਾਣੇ ਬਣਦੇ ਹਨ। ਜਿਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਆਪ ਵੱਲੋਂ 5,48,20,000/- ਰੁਪਏ ਦੀ ਐਪਲੀਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਪ੍ਰੋਸੈਸਿੰਗ ਚਾਰਜਜ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਬੈਂਕ ਸੈਕਟਰ-9 ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਦੇ ਗਰੀਨਿੰਗ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਫੰਡ ਅਕਾਉਂਟ ਨੰ: 1488000101175523 ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਤੀ 14/08/2019 ਨੂੰ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ 8,27,60,000/- ਰੁਪਏ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ ਪ੍ਰੰਤੂ ਆਪ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਅਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਗਏ, ਜੋ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਬੈਂਕ ਸੈਕਟਰ-9, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਦੇ Greening Punjab Fund Account No. 1488000101175523 IFSC Code PUNB0755200 RTGS ਰਾਹੀਂ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਕੇ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ।

- 2) ਵਣ ਰੇਂਜ ਅਫਸਰ, ਧਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਨਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਹਦਾਇਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਇੰਨ ਬਿੰਨ ਪਾਲਣਾ ਲਈ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਵਣ ਮੰਡਲ ਅਫਸਰ,  
ਪਠਾਨਕੋਟ।

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Shahpurkandi Township-145029.

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Dated: - 04/07/2022

To

Divisional Forest Officer,  
Pathankot.

Subject: - Diversion of 275.16 Ha (instead of 109.64 Ha) 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 for Reservoir of Shahpur Kandi Dam Project in Tehsil Dhar Kalan Forest Division and District Pathankot. (By. (Sandesh Raj) Executive Engineer Shahpur Kandi Dam Division No-II, Shahpur Kandi Township) Proposal No. FP/PB/HYD/40592/2019.

Reference: - Your office letter no. 2018-22 Dated 25/11/2021.

In reference to the above cited subject, it is submitted that this office has made a payment of Rs.27,48,29,795/- on PRAVESH portal as accepted by your good self vide letter referred above.

Now, the balance payment of Rs. 34,43,71,709/- is liable to pay by our Department. But due to shortage of funds we are unable to deposit the whole amount in single transaction. So, we request your good self to please allow us for making part payment of Rs. 33,43,50,759.56/- this time and the balance payment of Rs. 1,00,20,949/- will be deposited soon are receipt of funds from the Punjab government.

So, we request your good self to please take the necessary measures and grant us permission to make part payment as mentioned above so that our department can deposit the required amount for stage-2 forest clearance of Shahpurkandi Dam Project.

This is for your kind information and necessary action please.



Executive Engineer,  
SPK Dam Reservoir Division,  
Shahpurkandi Township.