No.Ft.48-3705/2017(FCA), H.P. Forest Department

From:

Nodal Officer-cum-CCF (FCA) O/o Pr.CCF, H.P, Shimla-1.

To:

The Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central),

Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,

(Forest Conservation Division),

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aligani, Jor Bagh Road,

New Delhi: 110003.

Dated Shimla-1, the 1 0 FEB 2022

Subject:

Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for diversion of 397.8863 hectare of forest land in favour of SJVN Ltd for the construction of Sunni Dam HKydroelectric Project (382 MW) within the jurisdiction of Shimla, Kotgarh and Karsog Forest Division, in Shimla and Mandi District, H.P. (Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/31019/2017).

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No. 8-07/2021-FC dated 22.12.2021 on the subject cited above.

- 2 The pointwise compliance report of Stage-I approval as accorded vide your above referred letter is submitted as below:
 - 1. Compensatory Afforestation:
 - i. The cost of CA at the prevailing wage rates as per CA scheme has been deposited by the user agency.
 - ii. Compensatory levies has been realized from the user agency & has been deposited in CAMPA Account through e-Challan.
 - iii. A certificate regarding no plantation activities have been carried out by the Forest Department under any scheme /plan/programme in the land proposed for CA in the last 10 years is enclosed herewith.
 - iv. The 9 CA sites pointed out by IRO Shimla are suitable for planting and do not include MDF/VDF and do not overlap with any other area. Certificate in this regard, is enclosed herewith.
 - v. All the funds received from the user agency under this project have been deposited in Ad-hoc CAMPA accont. The user agency deposited an amount of Rs. 22,00,35,621/- towards cost of CA, an amount of Rs. 26,88,26,969 /- towards cost of NPV & an amount of Rs. Rs. 38,34,00,000/- towards cost of CAT Plan. Total amount towards of all compensatory levies as deposited in Ad-hoc CAMPA is Rs. 872,22,62,590/-. Details of the amount alongwith copy of challan is enclosed herewith.

- 2. The user agency have transferred the funds towards the cost of NPV of t forest land being diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per th order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008.
- 3. The approved Catchment Area Treatment(CAT) Plan will be implemented at the cost of user agency. The cost of CAT Plan has been deposited in CAMPA account through e-portal.
- 4. Adequate correction in the component wise breakup and the layout plan have been done as suggested by the sub-committee of the FAC. The corrected component wise breakup is presented in Form-A Part-I. The copy of the same have been uploaded in Additional information detail of Part-I.
- 5. The correct and complete KML files of the area and CA area will be uploaded on the E-Greenwatch Portal with all requisite details.
- 6. The documentary evidence in this regard is enclosed as Annexure-3 herewith.
- 7. The compliance report has been uploaded in the online web portal.
- B. Pointwise compliance report of the conditions to be complied on field after handing over the forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department is submitted as below:
 - 1. Legal Status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged. Undertaking in this regard, is enclosed herewith.
 - 2. CA will be done accordingly. Undertaking is enclosed herewith.
 - 3. The trees of girth more than 60 cm will be felled and their enumeration list will be submitted to IRO Shimla. Undertaking in this regard, is enclosed herewith.
 - 4. An undertaking from the user agency that safety measures, engineering structures and instrumentation, as suggested by IIT (Ism) Dhanbad, will strictly be followed is enclosed herewith.
 - 5. The user agency would preserve the top soil of the excavated area so that proper reclamation of the site could be achieved. Undertaking is enclosed herewith.
 - 6. The bio-reclamation of the area should be done with suitable species of grasses, Shrubs and trees in closed coordination with the Forest Department. Undertaking as submitted by user agency is enclosed herewith.
 - 7. Undertaking in this regard, is enclosed herewith.
 - 8. An undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV by the user agency is enclosed herewith.
 - 9. An undertaking with regard to submitted cost of trees with the State Forest Department is enclosed herewith.

- 10. The land identified for CA shall clearly be marked in the toposheet. Undertaking in this regard is enclosed herewith.
- 11. The State Government will carry out adequate Soil and Moisture Conservation works in the Catchment Area.
- 12. It will be ensured that the Forest land located between FRL and the FRL-4 meters will be afforested by the planting appropriate indigenous tree species.
- 13. The user agency will provide water to forestry related projects. Undertaking as submitted by the user agency is enclosed herewith.
- 14. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 15. Undertaking in this regard, is enclosed herewith.
- 16. No construction of buildings /labor camp/huts shall be allowed on the forest land. Undertaking in this regard is enclosed herewith.
- 17. Undertaking is enclosed herewith.
- 18. An undertaking with regard to explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and will be ensured that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under the supervision of the State Forest Department.
- 19. An undertaking regarding to obtain environment clearance as submitted by user agency is enclosed.
- 20. No labor camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency will provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labors and the staff working at site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas. Undertaking is enclosed herewith.
- 21. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distanced from pillar to pillar. Undertaking in this regard is enclosed herewith.
- 22. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed. Undertaking is enclosed herewith.
- 23. Undertaking in this regard is enclosed herewith.
- 24. The forest land proposed for diversion will not be transferred to any other user agency, department and person without prior approval of GoI. Undertaking in this regard, is enclosed herewith.
- 25. No damage to flora and fauna of the adjoining area will be caused.
- 26. Any other conditions that the concerned Regional Office of Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of

conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife will be complied accordingly.

- 27. No muck will be thrown on the river/stream bed. The muck will be dumped on the designated dumping sites. Undertaking in this regard, is enclosed herewith.
- 28. Undertaking as submitted by the user agency is enclosed herewith.
- 29. Undertaking is submitted by the user agency.

30. Undertaking is enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Encls: As above.

O/o Pr.CCF, H.P, Shimla.

Dated Shimla-1, the

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Copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action.

- 1. CCF Shimla & Mandi.
- DFO Shimla, Kotgarh, Karsog.
- 3. The Head of the Project, Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project, SJVNL, Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

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