

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

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To

**The Deputy Director General of Forests (C)**,  
Regional Office, Chandigarh  
Chandigarh

**Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (i) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Ltd. for non-forestry use of 847.17 ha. of Reserved Forest and Jungle-jhari land for construction of Sawalkot HEP (1856 MW) within the jurisdiction of Udhampur, Mahore, Batote and Ramban Forest Divisions, Districts-Udhampur, Reasi and Ramban in the State of Jammu & Kashmir (Online proposal No. FP/JK/HYD/150591/2021)- regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Jammu & Kashmir's letter No. FST-Land0FC/48/2024-02-Forest Department dated 03.12.2024 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. As per Rule 10 (4) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 the site inspection for the instant proposal needs to be carried out by the concerned Regional Office.

In this regard, Regional Office, Chandigarh is requested to carry out the site inspection of area proposed for diversion and submit the detailed report along with recommendation to the Ministry for further consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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**(S. Sundar)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to: -**

- i. The Special Secretary (Technical), Department of Forests, Ecology and Environment, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Jammu.
- ii. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Jammu.
- iii. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Jammu.
- iv. Sub-office, Jammu & Kashmir.
- v. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.

vi. User Agency.