

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

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To
The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment and Forests,
Government of Himachal Pradesh.
Shimla.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 211.8427 ha. of forest land for construction of 500 MW Dugar Hyrdo Electric Project in Pangi Forest Division, Chamba (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/123533/2021).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Himachal Pradesh's letter No. Ft.48-5297/2021(FCA) dated 02.07.2022 and letter No. Ft.48-5297/2021 (FCA) dated 13.10.2022, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. As the forest area involved is more than 100.0 ha, Site Inspection by the IRO is mandatory.

Accordingly, the Ministry, vide letter dated 03.11.2022, requested the IRO Shimla to carry out site inspection of the proposed forest land and proposed CA land. In response, the IRO, vide letter No. dated 17.11.2022, has informed that they are unable to carry out Site Inspection due to heavy snow fall and this inspection would be possible after the completion of winter Season.

In view of the above, it is informed that the proposal would be considered by the Ministry after receiving the Site Inspection Report from the IRO.

Yours faithfully,

(Preet Pal Singh)
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The Regional Officer, MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Shimla.
3. The APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. User Agency.