

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

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**Dated: March, 2024**

To

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Department of Environment and Forests,  
Government of Himachal Pradesh.  
Shimla.

**Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (iii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s HPPCL for non-forestry use of 909 ha. (Original proposed 901.00 ha.) of forest land for Construction of Renukaji Dam Project in Sirmour District in the State of Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/IRRIG/631/2009)- regarding.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to Government of Himachal Pradesh letter No. FFE-B-F/(2)/34/2009 dated 30.04.2009 forwarding the compliance report of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval letter dated 20.02.2015. After examination of the compliance report Ministry observed the following observations:

- i. As per request of the State Government, validity of Stage- I approval dated 20.02.2015 was extended for 2 years w.e.f. 20.02.2022 vide Ministry letter dated 29.03.2022 subject to submission of certain information. The same has not yet been fully submitted by the State Government till date. The same may kindly be submitted.
- ii. Nodal Officer has mentioned in compliance report that wage rates of CA has been revised by the Forest Department and CA Schemes have revised and proposed to be carried out in 19 Forest Divisions of H.P. Revised CA Scheme with revised cost structure/site suitability certificates have been obtained and enclosed. Clarification on following points may kindly be submitted:
  - a. Any change in CA land, if yes, CA details viz. suitability certificate, CA scheme, KML file and DGPS maps needs to be submitted.
  - b. Is amount deposited towards CA is as per revised rates.
- iii. In compliance to condition no. xviii of Stage- I approval, it is mentioned that First instalment amounting to Rs. 13,69,04,296/- for the 0th & 1st year implementation of CAT Plan was deposited in Ad-hoc CAMPA Account 04230110005781 through RTGS vide UTR No. UCBAH10202083748, Dt. 21.07.2010. Details of payment of Rs.13,69,04,296/- in prescribed proforma as suggested by CAMPA may kindly be submitted for confirmation of payment.

- iv. In compliance to condition no. xxvi (a) of Stage- I approval, it is mentioned that after obtaining the final forest clearance and on completion of land acquisition, the process for incorporation of the submerged area of the project in the sanctuary will be initiated. Status of land acquisition may kindly be submitted.
- v. In compliance to condition no. xxvi (b) of Stage- I approval, KML file of alternative road identified by the State Government, if any, w.r.t this condition may kindly be submitted.
- vi. In compliance to condition no. xxvi (c) of Stage- I approval, Status of notification of entire submergence area of the reservoir as Sanctuary may kindly be submitted.
- vii. In compliance to condition no. xxvi (d) of Stage- I approval, after forest clearance and on completion of land acquisition, revenue papers for the entire submerged area will be submitted to HP Forest Department/Govt. of HP for notifying the same as a wildlife sanctuary. Status of land acquisition may kindly be submitted.
- viii. In compliance to condition no. xxvi (f) of Stage- I approval, it is mentioned that fish ladder is not effective in high dams due to their steepness, narrow and inconspicuous inlets. These ladders are found to function as fish traps and as such used by poachers, keeping in view of the above two no. fish hatcheries are proposed on upstream and downstream of the dam. The State may seek permission of NBWL for changing the conditions imposed by the NBWL on the matter of construction of Fish ladders in Renuka Dam and Dadahu Barrage.
- ix. In compliance to condition no. xxvi (g) of Stage- I approval, Nodal Officer has mentioned in compliance report that a Plan for the conservation and the protection of the Renukaji Wildlife Sanctuary has been prepared and will be implemented. Copy of approved comprehensive environment management plan shall be submitted.

In view of above, the State Govt. is requested to submit above information to this Ministry at the earliest, for further consider of the proposal for Stage-II approval.

faithfully,

Yours

**Sd-**

**(S. Sundar)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to: -**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The DDGF (C), Regional Office, Chandigarh of MoEFCC.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.