

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

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Dated: 17th March 2021

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests)
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for use of additional area of 0.9486 ha (in addition to the already diverted 98.1004 ha) of forest land in favour of SJVN Ltd. for Luhri HEP Stage-I for approach road under the jurisdiction of Ani at Luhri Forest Division and District Kullu, Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/39709/2019)-reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to Nodal Officer cum-APCCF (FCA) O/o Pr. CCF, H.P. Shimla letter No. Ft. 48-3920/2019(FCA) dated **02.03.2021** forwarding the compliance report of the conditions stipulated in the 'In-principle'/stage-I approval letter dated 21.12.2020 of the Ministry. The following shortcomings have been observed in the compliance report submitted by the state government:

1. The process of recognition and vesting of rights in accordance with the provisions of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights), Act 2006 is required to be completed before Stage-II approval. The state government may therefore submit the complete compliance report of the condition no. A (6) stipulated in the Stage-1 approval.
2. The kml files/polygons of the already diverted area, the additional area proposed for diversion and the Compensatory Afforestation areas are required to be uploaded on E-greenwatch portal as requested vide Condition A(8).
3. The forwarding letter dated 02.03.2021 of the Nodal Officer cum-APCCF (FCA) is silent about the Compliance Report of the Condition Nos. B (1) to (5).

The state government is therefore requested to submit the complete compliance of the conditions stipulated in the stage-1 approval.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The Nodal Officer-cum- APCCF (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.

3. User Agency.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.