

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

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**Dated: 4th March, 2023**

To,

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

**Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 397.8863 ha forest land in favour of SJVN Ltd for the construction of Sunni Dam Hydroelectric Project (382 MW) within the jurisdiction of Shimla, Kotgarh and Karsog Forest Divisions, in District Shimla and Mandi, Himachal Pradesh (ONLINE PROPOSAL NO. FP/HP/HUD/31019/2017) regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. Ft.48-3975/2019 (FCA) dated 09.02.2023 requesting for permission to modify the condition No. 3 of approval dated 23.08.2022 for above mentioned diversion and to allow the user agency to fell 159 trees in order to commence their work.

In this regard, the above condition which is based upon the report of the sub-committee constituted by the FAC was initially stipulated in the Stage-1 approval issued vide letter of even no. dated 22.12.2021. The State govt or the user agency did not object to the said condition while submitting the compliance report of the Stage-1 approval.

Keeping above in view, the State Govt. is requested to give cogent reasons for seeking relaxation in condition at this stage and the justification for seeking the permission to fell the trees. The status of compliance of other conditions stipulated in the Stage-II approval dated 23.08.2022 shall also be submitted.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-**  
**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Shimla.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.1