

Government of India
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(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Government of Uttarakhand,
Dehradun.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam (UJVN) Ltd. for non-forestry use of 29.997 ha. of Forest land for Construction of Sirkari Bhyol Rupsiabagar HEP, District- Pithoragarh in the State of Uttarakhand (Online No. FP/UK/HYD/119861/2021)- regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to Government of Uttarakhand letter No. 1744/12-1:Dehradun dated 17.03.2026 forwarding the compliance report of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval letter dated 23.06.2025. After examination of the compliance report Ministry observed the following observations:

- i. In compliance to condition No. iv of Stage- I approval, it is mentioned that DFO has informed that land proposed for CA has been transferred to Forest Department, the process of mutation is under process. Copy of mutation of CA land needs to be submitted.
- ii. KML files of area proposed for diversion and CA land in compliance to condition No. v of Stage- I approval is not uploaded on e-Green watch portal. KML files need to be uploaded on e-Green watch portal and intimated along with GPS ID number.
- iii. Approved copy of CAT plan in compliance to condition no. xii of Stage- I approval is not submitted along with compliance report. The same needs to be submitted.
- iv. Copy of approval for undertaking quarrying in the area along with the mining plan in compliance to condition no. xiv of Stage- I approval is not submitted along with compliance report. Approved mining plan along with valid Lol needs to be submitted.
- v. Muck disposal plan approved by the competent authority in the State in compliance to condition no. xv of Stage- I approval is not submitted along

- with compliance report. Approved muck disposal plan needs to be submitted.
- vi. Undertaking in compliance to condition no. xvi of Stage- I approval i.e. *“The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department”*, is not submitted along with compliance report. The same needs to be submitted.
- vii. In compliance to condition no. xvii of Stage- I approval, it is mentioned copy of Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 has been obtained & same is attached. However, examination of compliance report revealed that complete copy of said approval is not submitted along with compliance report. Complete copy of said approval needs to be submitted.
- viii. Undertaking in compliance to condition no. xxii of Stage- I approval i.e. *“The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less”*, is not submitted along with the compliance report. The same needs to be submitted.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Aditi Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

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