

**File. No. 8-41/2009FC**  
**Government of India**  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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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 (1) (ii) 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,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Himachal Pradesh letter No. Ft.48-1775/2018 (FCA) dated 05.03.2025 forwarding additional information as sought vide Ministry's letter dated 10.12.2024 on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In this regard it is informed that the matter was discussed in the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 16.04.2025. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting are uploaded at [parivesh.nic.in](http://parivesh.nic.in).

The Committee had detailed discussion and deliberation with the DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Chandigarh and Nodal Officer, Government of Himachal Pradesh. After going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made by the Nodal Officer, Government of Himachal Pradesh, the Committee recommended modifications in the 'In-principle' approval granted dated 20.2.2015 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. The recommendations of the Committee was approved by the competent authority as follows:

- i. The validity of the 'in-principle' approval shall be extended for further 2 year period from the validity of last extension i.e. 20.02.2024 to 19.02.2026.
- ii. Condition No. xxvi (f) of Stage- I approval pertaining to construction of Fish ladders in Renuka Dam and Dadahu Barrage shall be read as 'The State Government shall construct fish hatcheries on upstream and downstream of the dam'.

Further, the State Government is also requested to furnish following

information to the Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for Stage-II approval.

- i. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be carried out on degraded forest land double the extent of forest land diverted proposed across the State. Approved CA schemes for patches not provided till date, may be submitted.

Yours Faithfully

Sd/-

**(S. Sundar)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Officer, Shimla of MoEF&CC.
4. User Agency.
5. Forest Conservation Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.