

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

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**Dated: June, 2024**

To

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

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 127.6712 ha of forest land for construction of Song Dam Drinking Water Project under Forest Division Dehradun and Mussoorie and District Dehradun and Tehri Garhwal of the State of Uttarakhand (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/WATER/40701/2019) -reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the CCF& Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Uttarakhand's letter No. 2256/12-1 Dehradun dated 03/05/2024 on the above subject forwarding a report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' approval dated 05.01.2020 and to inform that examination of the said compliance report in the Ministry revealed the following:

- i. From the perusal of the ibid letter dated 3.05.2024, it appears that the State Government has furnished compliance report in response to Regional Office's letter No. FP/UK/Water/40701/2019/1545 dated 13.10.2020 while no reference to the 'in-principle' approval granted by the Central Government vide letter dated 5.01.2020 has been made. It may, therefore, be clarified whether the compliance submitted in letter dated 3.05.2024 is in pursuance to Ministry's approval dated 5.01.2020 or otherwise.
- ii. Copy of notification notifying the land identified for raising CA as RF/PF has not been submitted along with the compliance report, the same may be submitted as stipulated in condition no. A(ii) of the 'in-principle' approval dated 5.01.2020;
- iii. Cost of felling of trees, in compliance to condition no. 6 of the 'in-principle' approval, has not been realized and deposited into the account of DFO; The same may be realized and informed to the Ministry.
- iv. Copy of approved CAT plan, as stipulated in the condition no. of 'in-principle' approval and committed by the Nodal Officer in his letter dated 5.11.2020 may be uploaded/submitted on PARIVESH 1.0 before 'final' approval.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to provide information as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
Scientist 'D'

**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun
2. The Dy. Director General of Forest (Central) Regional Office, Bhubaneswar
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun

4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC