

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

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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest & Environment,
Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla-Talland

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval under FCA, 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

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Himachal Pradesh's letter 48-3920/2019(FCA) dated 18.05.2020 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government, in accordance with Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC).

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, *the Ministry request to submit the following information/clarification:*

- i. The State Government has examined only one option (alternative) to the present proposal. During the discussion, it was also learnt that the option was discarded on the basis of techno-economic reasons and biodiversity/Vegetation / forest issues were not considered. It was decided that the State government may examine at least three alternatives, and the one which causes minimum biodiversity loss and requires minimum forest area may be selected .
- ii. State government shall also submit a compliance report of conditions imposed at the time of past approval of the project;

In view of the above, the State Government of Himachal Pradesh is requested to submit the information/Justification, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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1. The PCCF & HoFF, Deptt of Forest, Govt of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla
2. The DDG of Forests (North Central Zone), Regional Office, Dehradun.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Dept of Forest, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.