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

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Dated: As per e-Signature

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment and Forests,
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 Ms. NHPC Limited, for non-forestry use of 211.8427 ha. of forest land for construction of 500 MW Dugar Hyrdo Electric Project in favour of NHPC Ltd. under Pangi Forest Division and Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/123533/2021)-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to State Government of Himachal Pradesh letter Ft. 48-5297/2021 (FCA) dated 02.07.2022 read along with letter No. Ft.48-5297/2021 dated 09.11.2023 and letter No.Ft.48-5297/2021 (FCA) dated 21.06.2024 on the above-mentioned subject and to inform that the said proposal was discussed in the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 04.07.2024. The detailed minutes of the said AC meeting are uploaded at 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, the Committee observed following:

- i. The State Government/Nodal Officer shall request in writing as well as in person to the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun again to conduct a study on impact of the proposed project and feasibility study within 15 days.
- ii. In case Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun does not respond to the request of the State Govt/Nodal officer within a period of 2 months, the State Government may get the study conducted by the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee in the next 2 months.

In view of the above, the State Government is further requested to submit information as sought vide Ministry's letter dated 12.12.2023 for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,
Sd-

(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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