

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

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**Dated: 8th August, 2023**

To

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Department of Forest and Environment,  
Government of Himachal Pradesh,  
Shimla.

**Subject: Diversion of 7.3722 ha of forest land as additional forest land requirement in already approved diversion in favour of Shongtong Karchham Hydro Electric Project, HPPCL under the jurisdiction of Kinnaur Forest Division, Distt. Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/40611/2019)- regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the online proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/40611/2019 on the above subject matter and to convey that this proposal has been considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 17.07.2023. The detailed minutes of the meeting is available on PARIVESH portal at [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in).

2. The Advisory Committee after detailed discussion and deliberation decided to defer the proposal and sought the following information: -

- i. The State Govt. shall provide the details of approved dumping sites in earlier diverted area along-with the details of dumping sites proposed in the instant diversion proposal. A comparative list of dumping sites along with kml files shall be submitted.
- ii. The State Govt. shall submit justification for non-dumping of muck in the designated site of DS-4.
- iii. Govt. of Himachal Pradesh vide their letter dated 16.07.2023 reported that a committee has been formed to assess the capacity of all the designated dumping sites and the revised muck management plan will be finalized after finalization of land. Accordingly, the approved muck management plan shall be submitted.
- iv. The State Govt. shall submit the details of funds deposited towards revised CAT plan in National Authority and its confirmation which is not available with the Ministry. The reason for slow progress in implementation of CAT plan shall be given.
- v. The State Govt. shall submit a detailed report in connection with compliance of condition no. 15 of approval dated 14.11.2012 regarding regeneration of equivalent area of degraded forest land
- vi. There is a violation over an area of 0.5883 ha. as reported by the State. The justification and action taken report in this regard shall be submitted by the State.
- vii. The reservoir to be created due to submergence is required to be declared as Reserve Forest under Indian Forest Act. 1927. A copy of notification for the same shall be submitted.
- viii. The area of 1.8248 ha. for the components of instant diversion [ Adit-I (0.5883 ha),

Dumping site below Adit -I (1.1005 ha) and Road to RBM Site (0.136 ha)] is overlapping with the 'Barrage' component of earlier approved forest area (63.5015 ha.) which need clarification with correct KML file.

ix. The KML file of earlier diversion of 63.5015 ha shall be uploaded on PARIVESH.

3. In view of above, Government of Himachal Pradesh is requested to furnish their reply on the observation of AC as indicated in para (2) above for further consideration of the proposal in this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The Dy. Director General of Forests(Central). Regional Office, Chandigarh.
3. The Sub-office of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shimla,
4. The Nodal Officer(FCA) O/o PCCF(HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.