

Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Department of Forests,

Dated Shimla-171002, the

No.Ft.42-164/2013 (FCA)

**Subject: Diversion of 75.304 ha of forest land for construction of 180 MW Bajoli Holi Hydro Electric Project in favour of M/s GMR Bajoli Holi Hydro Power Pvt Ltd. in Bharmour Forest Division, Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh.**

Consequent upon approval of Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India vide their letter No. F.No.8-43/ 2011-FC dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012 under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to accord sanction for diversion of 75.304 ha of forest land for construction of 180 MW Bajoli Holi Hydro Electric Project in Bharmour Forest Division, Chamba District in favour of M/s GMR Bajoli Holi Hydro Power Pvt Ltd. subject to fulfilment of following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) will be raised and maintained over double the area proposed for diversion in a degraded forest land at the cost of User Agency.
3. The User Agency shall pay the additional NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
4. The State Government shall ensure that minimum flow at all time is maintained as per the recommendation of cumulative impact assessment study.
5. The user agency shall set up Ecological Monitoring Unit to monitor the impact of the project on flora and fauna of the area.
6. The User Agency shall keep the effect of camping labourers on the flora and fauna during the construction phase of 48 months at minimum by providing an alternate fuel for cooking and heating.
7. The entire reservoir created due to submergence shall be declared Reserve Forest under Indian Forest Act, 1927. However, regulated fishing shall be allowed.
8. Catchment Area Treatment Plan should be implemented at the project cost under supervision of the State Government.
9. Green belt of adequate width shall be raised by the user agency around the reservoir at the cost of the project.
10. The user agency shall carry out muck disposal at pre-designated sites in such a manner so to avoid its rolling down.
11. The dumping area for muck disposal shall be stabilized and reclaimed by planting suitable species by the User Agency at the cost of project under the supervision of State Forest Department. Retaining walls and terracing shall be carried out to hold the dumping material in place. Stabilization and reclamation of such dumping sites shall be completed before handing over the same to the State Forest Department in a time bound manner as per Plan

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12. The User Agency to consult other companies having experience in construction of roads in hilly areas such as BRO to avoid frequent road blockade due to landslides etc and shall provide breast walls and retaining walls wherever necessary.
13. Other standard conditions as applicable to proposals relating to Hydro Electric Projects will be applicable in this case also.
14. The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the state Government and to the concerned regional office, of Ministry regularly.
15. Any other condition that the Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) Regional Office, Chandigarh, may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area, shall also be applicable.
16. Minimum number of trees will be removed as are unavoidable but in any case not exceeding 4915 No trees (Four thousand nine hundred fifteen) as proposed. Efforts will be made to retain maximum number of trees. Trees involved in the proposal should be got removed through H.P. State Forest Development Corporation.
17. A lease- deed of the forest land shall be executed by the user agency with Collector -cum- Deputy Commissioner, District Chamba.
18. The forestland thus diverted shall be non-transferable. Whenever the forest land is not required, it shall be surrendered to the State Forest Department under intimation to this Ministry.

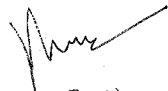
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1. Assistant Inspector General of Forests, MoEF, Paryavaran Bhawan, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110510.
2. Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Bays No.24-25, Sector-31-A, Chandigarh-160030.
3. The Nodal Officer-cum-Addl. Pr. CCF (FCA), Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001
4. The Deputy Commissioner, Distt. Chamba, Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Manager, Bajoli Holi Hydro Power Pvt Ltd, sub Tahsil Holi, Distt. Chamba.
6. CCF Chamba/DFO Bharmour
7. Ft.48-2232/2011 (FCA)
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New Delhi - 110510.  
Dated: October, 2012

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Himachal Pradesh,  
Shimla.

**Sub: Diversion of 75.304 Ha of forest land for implementation of 180 MW Bajoli Hydro Electric Project in favour of M/s GMR Bajoli Holi Hydro Power Pvt. Limited in Bharmour Forest Division in Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter no. Ft.48-2232/2011 (FCA) dated 16.03.2011 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under section-3 of the said Act, in-principle approval was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter no. Ft.48-2232/2010(FCA) dated 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012 and 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012, final approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 75.304 Ha of forest land for implementation of 180 MW Bajoli Hydro Electric Project in favour of M/s GMR Bajoli Holi Hydro Power Pvt. Limited in Bharmour Forest Division in Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:

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15. Any other condition that the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chandigarh, may impose from time to time for the protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area.

Yours faithfully,

(Shiv Pal Singh)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Northern Regional Office, Chandigarh.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Section.
6. Guard File.

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