

F. No. 8-111/2005 FC  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment & Forests  
(FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan,  
C.G.O Complex, Lodhi Road,  
New Delhi - 110510.  
Dated: 05.09.2008

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 0.9274 ha of additional forest land in addition to already diverted 69.3762 ha for construction of additional adit along Head Race Tunnel (HRT) near Kasholi Khad and approach road to the adit for construction of 434 MW Rampur Hydro Electric Project in favour of Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FFE-B-F(2)-105/2005 dated 22.11.2006 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the said Act.

After discussing all aspects in detail and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, in-principle approval of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of 0.9274 ha of additional forest land in addition to already diverted 69.3762 ha for construction of additional adit along Head Race Tunnel (HRT) near Kasholi Khad and approach road to the adit for construction of 434 MW Rampur Hydro Electric Project in favour of Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh subject to fulfillment of the following conditions

1. (i) The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over degraded forest land twice in extent to the forest land proposed for diversion i.e. over 2.00 ha shall be under taken at the cost of the User Agency.  
(ii) The area identified for Compensatory Afforestation shall be clearly depicted on SOI toposheet of 1:50,000 scale  
(iii) The User Agency shall transfer the cost (incorporating the current wage structure) of raising and maintaining Compensatory Afforestation to the State Forest Department
2. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the forest area diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the Orders of the

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002 and 01.08.2003 and 28.03.2008 in IA No. 5961 of WP (C) No. 02/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide letters No. 5-1-1998-FC (Pt. II) dated 18.09.2003 and 22.09.2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/006-FC dated 13.10.2006 in this regard

3. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional NPV, if so determined as per the final decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
4. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to Ad-hoc CAMPA in account number CA 1595 of Corporation Bank, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. The total area diverted, so far, for the project in favour of Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh will become 70.3036 ha (69.3762 ha - 0.9274 ha).
6. All the relevant conditions which have been stipulated in the approval granted by this Ministry vide letter of even no dated 07.14.2006 for diversion 69.3762 ha of forest land for construction of 434 MW Rampur Hydro Electric Project in favour of Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh shall remain applicable

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Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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

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