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**F. No. 8-114/2005-FC**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment & Forests**  
**(FC Division)**

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New Delhi-110 510  
Dated: 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

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 State Government's letter no. FFE-B-F(2)-105/2005 dated 22.11.2006 on the subject cited above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted under Section-3 of the said Act, in-principle approval was granted vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 05.09.2008 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. 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.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Nodal officer (FCA) of the State Government vide letter no. Ft.48-1063/2005/FCA dated 17.12.2008, approval of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 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. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory Afforestation will be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the project cost.
3. 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. The User Agency shall implement all the conditions of the Muck Rehabilitation Plan under supervision of the State Forest Department at the project cost.

5. In addition to condition 4 above, following activities shall be undertaken by the User Agency under supervision of the State Forest Department at the project cost:
- (i) The User Agency should ensure that muck does not roll down the slopes. All such areas where muck has rolled down the slopes shall be rehabilitated at the cost of User Agency and under the supervision of State Forest Department.
  - (ii) The dumping area should be stabilized and reclaimed and plantation of suitable species be carried out over dumping areas at the cost of the User Agency under the supervision of State Forest Department.
  - (iii) Construction of check dams, retention / toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour.
6. 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).
7. All the relevant conditions which have been stipulated in the approval granted by this Ministry vide letter of even no dated 07.04.2006 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.
8. Any other condition that the 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.
9. The forest land 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.

Yours faithfully,



(C.D. Singh)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to :-

1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
3. The Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chandigarh.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Section.



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