

**F. No. 8-94/2013-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Aliganj, Jorbagh Raod,  
New Delhi-110003

Dated: 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,  
Itanagar.

**Sub: Diversion of 55.7 ha of forest land (Surface forests land = 47.1 ha, Riverbed = 5.9 ha & underground area = 2.7 ha) in favor of M/s Heo Hydro Power Pct. Ltd., New Delhi for construction of Heo Hydroelectric Project (240 MW) in West Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh. - reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter no. FOR. 322 /Cons/2010/455-56 dated 12.04.2016 furnishing part compliance of the condition no. 2(ii) of Stage-I Clearance Order of even no. dated 27.10.2015 which states that "*Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over 106 ha of Unclassed State Forest (USF) of Arunachal Pradesh as proposed by State Forest Department and already mutated in favour of State Forest Department shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter No. 11-241/2013-FC dated 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2014. However, before taking up CA, additional CA land in lieu of very dense forest falling within the proposed CA area shall be identified and the State Government shall submit revised CA scheme along with the GPS references in shape file*". After analysis the shape file provided for additional CA on DSS portal, it is observed that there is no such vegetation present on the proposed CA land but it is falling on the hilly rocky land as depicted through Google Earth Imagery. Therefore, the State Govt. has to clarify whether the proposed CA land is suitable for plantation. Besides State Government is requested to submitted complete compliance of Stage-I approval.

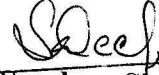
It is reiterated that the State Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh vide this Ministry's letter dated 14.10.2016 and D.O. Letter of even no. and 07.11.2016 was informed that the CA site for above subject proposal was not proper because more than half of total area proposed for diversion have been found as dense forest and medium dense forest. Thus, due care and diligence have not been applied by the concerned DFO and other authorities in identifying the CA sites. The proposed CA site is highly unsuitable and accordingly the State Govt. was requested to initiate the proceedings against the concerned DFO and submit the Action Taken

Report to this Ministry. **Despite repeated requests, no response from State Govt. has been received so far.**

The State Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is again requested to submit the Action Taken Report to this Ministry without any further delay.

Encl.: as above.

Yours faithfully,



**(Sandeep Sharma)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forest (FC)

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest Force), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
3. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office (NEZ), Law-U-Sib, Lumbatngen, Near-MTC Workshop, Shillong
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard File.



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Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's Letter no. For. 323/Cons/2010/93 dated 20.01.2014 vide which CA was stipulated over 116.03 ha of degraded (USF). It was analysed through DSS by FAC. It was learnt that out of total area, 12 ha falls under very dense category, 30 ha in moderately dense and 75 ha open forest. FAC inter alia recommended that

*"Additional CA land in lieu of very dense forest falling within the proposed CA area shall be identified and accordingly, state government shall submit revised CA scheme along with GPS reference in shape file"*

In the project proposal land suitability certificate for CA has been given. On the analysis of area through DSS it is observed that wrong Certificate has been furnished. In this regard you are requesting to initiate proceedings against the responsible officer for providing false information to MoEF&CC.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Sandeep Sharma) 14.10.16

Assistant inspector General of Forest (FC)

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Dr. ANIL KUMAR



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CLIMATE CHANGE

D.O. No. F.8-94/2013-FC

7<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

Sub: Action against erring officials.  
Ref: MoFF&CC letter No. 8-94/2013 dated 14.10.2016

Dear Ms. Sakuntala Gamlin

This is to bring to your kind notice that Compensatory Afforestation site in case of diversion of 55.7 ha of forest land (Surface forest land = 47.1 ha Riverbed = 5.9 ha & underground area = 2.7 ha) in favour of M/s. Heo Hydro Power Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi for construction of Heo Hydroelectric Project (240 MW) in West Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh has been found to be improper. Out of the total area proposed for diversion more than half have been found as dense forest and medium dense forest. The Forest Advisory Committee, which is the highest body of the Ministry to consider diversion proposal has remarked that -

“Additional CA land in lieu of very dense forest falling within the proposed CA area shall be identified and accordingly, State Government shall submit revised CA scheme along with GPS reference in shape file.”

It is further stated that due care and diligence has not been applied by the concerned DFO and other authorities in identifying the CA site. The proposed CA site is highly unsuitable. The suitability certificate has been signed by the DFO, Along Forest Division. Earlier a letter to initiate the proceedings has also been written by the Ministry (copy enclosed). But the MoFF&CC has not heard about the action taken by the concerned State Government. You are requested to take exemplary action in this regard so that in future such drastic error does not occur.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. Anil Kumar)

Ms. Sakuntala Gamlin  
Chief Secretary  
Government of Arunachal Pradesh  
Itanagar

received, 17/11/16.

10:00 am