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

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Dated: 12th October, 2021

To

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

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 397.8863 ha forest land in favour of SJVN Ltd for the construction of Sunni Dam Hydroelectric Project (382 MW) within the jurisdiction of Shimla, Kotgarh and Karsog Forest Divisions, in District Shimla and Mandi, Himachal Pradesh (ONLINE PROPOSAL NO. FP/HP/HUD/31019/2017)-regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Himachal Pradesh online proposal no. FP/HP/HYD/31019/2017 dated 24.02.2021 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The above proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 17th September, 2021. The FAC, after deliberation deferred the proposal with following observations:

- i. The Cost-Benefit analysis will be re-submitted by the User agency after taking into account all factors.
- ii. The impact of mining in the proposed quarry sites and the need for specific mitigation measures will be examined by a third party agency and a report shall be submitted to the Ministry. Once the report is submitted, a Sub-committee of the FAC comprising following members will visit the area:
 - (a) Dr. Sanjay Deshmukh
 - (b) Sh. Pankaj Aggarwal, IRO Dehradun
 - (c) Sh. Dharmdeo Rai DIG (ROHQ/FC)
- iii. The State Govt. will take corrective measures to address the minor issues in Compensatory afforestation sites as reported by IRO Shimla in the Site inspection report.
- iv. The variation in the number of families being affected as reported by the User agency in Part-1 with those mentioned in the Site Inspection report shall be clarified and the exact detail of the families/people to be affected will be submitted.

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Accordingly the State Government is requested to attend to the observations and submit compliance report for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Asst. Inspector General of Forests

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1. Dr. Sanjay Deshmukh, FAC Member
2. Shri Pankaj Aggarwal, DDGF, IRO Dehradun.
3. Shri Dharmdeo Rai, DIGF (RoHQ/FC), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
4. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
5. The Nodal Officer (FCA) and APCCF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.