

Diversion of 0.8073 ha of forest land for construction of 1.00 MW Karot Nain Small Hydro Power Electric Project in Baijnath in favour of M/S Aryan Hydel Pvt. Ltd. within the jurisdiction of Palampur Forest Division in Kangra District of Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No.FP/HP/HYD/25583/2017)

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 0.8073 ha of forest land for construction of 1.00 MW Karot Nain Small Hydro Power Electric Project in Baijnath. The committee noted that 123 no. of trees are proposed to be felled in the project. The forest land proposed for diversion is not a part of any Protected Area and no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. REC also noted that for the proposed 11 KV T/L for this project, width of RoW has been taken as 7 m, which is in accordance with guidelines.

After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the REC decided to accord in-principle approval for diversion of forest land subject to submission of following documents/information.

- 1. FRA Certificate along with all annexures may be uploaded at designated place in online Part-I and original hard copies may be submitted to the Regional Office for placing in the hard copy of the proposal.*
- 2. Since plantation of ten times the no. of trees to be felled is required to be done in this case hence all other details given in para-13 of online Part-II may be deleted except name of PF/RF, Range and Comptt. No. where the plantation of 1230 trees is proposed to be done.*
- 3. Original hard copy of NOC of Gram Panchayat.*
- 4. Revised power evacuation plan mentioning 11 KV instead of 33 KV as shown in the power evacuation plan submitted.*
- 5. Short narrative of the project given in para-A-I(iii) is not clear. Revised short narrative may be uploaded.*
- 6. Data give about command area in para-M (ii) may be deleted as the same is not applicable in the instant case.*
- 7. Clear geo-referenced digital map may be uploaded at para-C (iv) of online Part-I.*
- 8. Revised NPV calculation after charging the correct NPV rate for open forest in Eco-class-V because the rate has been charged for Eco-class-VI.*
- 9. Density may be corrected in para-4 (i) of online Part-II.*