

**MINUTES OF 61st MEETING OF THE REGIONAL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE OF  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL OFFICE, DEHRADUN  
HELD ON 29th OCTOBER, 2021**

The 61st meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of the Integrated Regional Office Dehradun was held on 29th October, 2021 by the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Dehradun under the Chairmanship of Shri. Pankaj Agrawal, IFS, Addl. PCCF, Integrated Regional Office, Dehradun to discuss FCA proposals pertaining to states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.

Following official/non-official members & the special invitees were present in the meeting either in person or through video conferencing.

S.No.	Name	Designation
01	Shri Pankaj Agrawal, IFS, Addl. PCCF, Integrated Regional Office, Dehradun.	Chairman
02	Dr. Kapil Joshi, IFS, APCCF-cum- Nodal Officer (UK)	Special Invitee
03	Dr. R. S. Bisht, Retd. IFS	Non-official Member (Through Video Conferencing)
04	Prof. S. D. Bhardwaj	Non-official Member (Through Video Conferencing)
05	Smt Meera Iyer, IFS, DIGF (C), Integrated Regional Office, Dehradun.	Member
06	Shri T. C. Nautiyal, IFS, DIGF (C), Integrated Regional Office, Dehradun.	Member
07	Shri S. P. Negi, IFS, Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Shimla.	Special Invitee
08	Shri R, K, Gupta, IFS APCCF-cum- Nodal Officer (HP)	Special Invitee
09	Representatives of the User Agencies and state forest departments	



At the outset, the Chairman of the Committee welcomed all the members present in the meeting or connected through Video-Conference.

Following proposals seeking diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose pertaining to the state of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand were discussed in detail and the case wise decision taken by REC is as under:

### **HIMACHAL PRADESH**

**Agenda Item No. 01: Diversion of 9.3408 ha of forest land in favour of HPSEB Ltd. for the Construction of Hail Hydro Electric Project (18.00MW), within the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division, Distt. Chamba, Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/52179/2020).**

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 9.3408 ha of forest land in favour of HPSEB Ltd. for the Construction of Hail Hydro Electric Project (18.00MW). The committee noted that 106 trees and 98 saplings are proposed to be affected in the project. Out of these, 38 trees are standing on the proposed dumping sites, which should not be removed. It is noted that 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The concerned DFO represented the project before the committee through video conferencing. The committee members were apprised that the river basin study of the Ravi basin was carried out by MoEFCC, New Delhi and has identified the potential of Ravi basin to generate power as 3237.12 MW. Further, being a requirement of CAT Plan in this case the State Govt. has informed that a comprehensive CAT Plan of Ravi basin has already been approved by the MoEF&CC New Delhi for which 1.5% of total project cost is being charged by the State Govt. in view of current status of its implementation the representatives of the State Forest Department have told that presently neither any fund under approved comprehensive CAT Plan is received so far nor implemented. The Committee noticed that few cases like Chhaju HEP etc. 2.5% of project cost has been deposited by the project proponents against CAT Plan in CAMPA fund. Therefore, the State Govt. may re-examine the fact and provide correct detail to the committee in this regard.

Further it has been noticed that all parameters are not quantified in monetary terms in cost benefit analysis.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to defer the proposal to the next REC meeting and desired documents/clarification on following points:*

1. The State Government will re-examine the facts regarding the fund that has been deposited under the approved comprehensive CAT Plan for Ravi Basin and provide details of area treated and funds utilized with respect to proposals earlier approved by the Central Government.
2. All parameters of Cost Benefit analysis are needed to be quantified in monetary terms.
3. Scientific names of the forest species should be mentioned correctly in Part II.

**Agenda Item No. 02: Diversion of 0.822 ha (instead of 0.895) of forest land in favour of M/s Himalaya Energies for the construction of Thauchaning 1.00 MW HEP, within the jurisdiction of Parvati Forest Division, Distt.- Kullu, Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/9119/2015).**

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 0.822 ha (instead of 0.895) of forest land for the construction of Thauchaning 1.00 MW Hydro Power Project. The committee noted that 23 trees and 92 saplings are proposed to be affected in the project, however no tree will be felled. It is noted that 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The committee was apprised that the proposal was discussed in the REC meeting dt. 10-08-2017 and the final approval has already been granted in the proposal vide letter dt. 23-05-2018. It was noted that now the name of proponent has been changed from M/s Himalaya Energies to M/s Himalaya Hydrel Energy Private Limited. Relevant documents pertaining to this change have already been submitted. The concerned Project proponent gave a brief about the project before the committee through video conferencing. It was apprised to the committee that

during execution of works this is noted by the proponent and technical team of HIMURJA that the power house on the project is needed to be shifted to a safer site on account of geological and technical reasons. Hence few changes in the alignment of other linear components has also taken place for which revised map and component wise breakup has also been submitted and discussed before the committee members. Out of the earlier approved 0.822 ha, 0.6925 ha is surrendered and equal amount of 0.6925 ha of other forest land is proposed to be taken up due to change in alignment. Now no felling is required in this proposal and all tree enumerated earlier are retained as such. The area (0.6925 ha) surrendered by the user agency has already reported to have been occupied by the concerned DFO.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to recommend the proposal to the MoEF&CC, New Delhi.*

**Agenda Item No. 03: Diversion of 9.739 ha of forest land in favour of HPSEB Ltd. for the construction of Devi Kothi Hydrel Electric Project (16.00 MW), within the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division, Distt. Chamba, H.P. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/32280/2018).**

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 9.739 ha of forest land for the construction of Devi Kothi Hydrel Electric Project (16.00 MW). The committee noted that the proposal was discussed in the REC meeting dt. 29-01-2020 wherein REC recommended the proposal to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for approval subject to submission of reply on 4 points. Reply to the above mentioned points was submitted by the state Govt. vide letter dt. 18-07-2020 after which the proposal was sent to the MoEF&CC for approval but the ministry needed further clarification/ documents on few more points prior to the approval which are as follows:

- (i) In the case the comprehensive CAT Plan is already in place with the Forest Department, its current status of implementation providing details of area treated and funds utilised, in general and with respect of proposals earlier approved by the Central Government in particular.

(ii) With regard to information on breaking the proposal of transmission line and hydel (dam) into two separate proposal. IRO forward the reply of the State govt. The State Govt. in their reply adverted to the submission of the User Agency and forwarded the same to the IRO. IRO did not furnish their considered view/opinion, as desired by the ministry.

(iii) Revised Cost Benefit analysis as per the relevant guidelines given in the Handbook of the forest Conservation Act 1980 has been submitted. CB ratio has been reported to be 1:259.06 (page 287/C) which is exorbitantly high.

The committee was apprised that the State Government submitted reply to the above mentioned points vide letter dt. 08-10-2021 and the same were explained by the concerned Project proponent before the committee through video conferencing.

The committee members apprised that the river basin study of the Ravi basin was carried out by MoEFCC, New Delhi and has identified the potential of Ravi basin to generate power as 3237.12 MW. Further, being a requirement of CAT Plan in this case the State Govt. has informed that a comprehensive CAT Plan of Ravi basin has already been approved by the MoEF&CC New Delhi for which 1.5% of total project cost is being charged by the State Govt. In view of current status of its implementation the representatives of the State Forest Department has conveyed that presently neither any fund under approved comprehensive CAT Plan is received so far nor implemented. The Committee, however, noticed that in few cases like Chhaju HEP etc. 2.5% of project cost has been deposited by the project proponents against CAT Plan in CAMPA fund. Therefore, the State Govt. may re-examine the fact and provide correct detail to the committee in this regard. Further it has been noticed that all parameters are not quantified in monetary terms in cost benefit analysis. Regarding evacuation of power the REC agreed to the fact that the power generated from Devi Kothi HEP 16.00 MW shall be evacuated through 33 KV D/C with ACSR wolf conductor and each 33 KV circuit line well have the approximation capacity 18 MW power. The 33 KV line is proposed with 3 numbers of towers to cover the approximate length of 1.5 KM. The entire proposed towers are to be erected on the private land and on the premises of Devi Kothi HEP. The power generated will be transmitted from Devi Kothi Switch Yard to the

proposed 33/132 KV Banjar Sub-station of HPPTCL linking 33/132 KV substation HPSEBL, Kurthla.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to defer the proposal to the next REC meeting and desired documents/clarification on following points:*

1. The State Government will re-examine the information regarding fund that has been deposited under the approved comprehensive CAT Plan for Ravi Basin and provide details of area treated and funds utilized with respect to proposals earlier approved by the Central Government.
2. All parameters of Cost Benefit analysis are needed to be quantified in monetary terms.

**Agenda Item No.04: Diversion of 9.3355 ha of forest land in favour of HPPWD, for the Construction of Channi Bridge Elaka Mata to Jalsu Jot Motorable Road (Kms. 0/00 to 17/0), within the jurisdiction of Bharmour Forest Division, Distt. Chamba, Himachal Pradesh (Online No. FP/HP/ROAD/41501/2019).**

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 9.3355 ha of forest land for the construction of Channi Bridge Elaka Mata to Jalsu Jot Motorable Road (Kms. 0/00 to 17/0). The committee noted that 97 trees including 72 saplings are proposed to be affected in the project. It is noted that 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The concerned user agency presented the project before the committee through the video conferencing. It was observed that other proposal *viz.* online proposal no. FP/HP/ROAD/47951/2020 has also been submitted BY THE State Govt. to this office for construction of road naming "Uttarala to Surahi Pass" in the same area as an extension of the proposed road. The committee was of the view that both these proposals should be discussed before the committee in consolidation and if required, a site inspection may be carried out by the Integrated Regional Office along with the committee members in order to analyze the requirement of these roads to the area.

Further, the committee members directed the concerned DFO to correct the scientific names of trees proposed to be affected in the alignment.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to defer the proposal to the next REC meeting.*

**Agenda Item No. 05: Diversion of 11.9813 ha of forest land in favour of HPSEB Ltd. For the construction of Sai Kothi-II Hydel Electric Project (16.5 MW), within the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division, District Chamba, H.P. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/23837/2017).**

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 11.9813 ha of forest land for the construction of Sai Kothi-II Hydel Electric Project (16.5 MW). The committee noted that the proposal was discussed in the REC meeting dt. 29-01-2020 wherein REC recommended the proposal to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for approval subject to submission of reply on 6 points. Reply to the above mentioned points was submitted by the state Govt. vide letter dt. 18-07-2020, 15.09.2020 and 01.10.2020 after which the proposal was sent to the MoEFCC for approval but the ministry needed further clarification/ documents on few more points prior to the approval which are as follows:

- (i) The State Government may submit the following detail with regard to the CAT Plan.
  - a) In the case the comprehensive CAT Plan is already in place with the Forest Department, its current status of implementation providing details of area treated and funds utilised, in general and with respect of proposals earlier approved by the Central Government in particular.
  - b) Maps, if any available, indicating the catchment area of the extant project vis-a-vis area of the comprehensive CAT Plan.
  - c) Rationale for charging 2.5% or 1.5% of the total cost of the project.
- (ii) Transmission line is an indispensable component of the Hydel project and given the fact that implementing agency for both Hydel as well as Transmission Line is same



i.e. HSEBL, breaking proposal into two parts does not seem to be justified, which is also in contravention of the relevant guidelines of the MoEF & CC, which provides for submission of proposal in its entirety and not in piece meals. Therefore, comments in this regard need to be furnished by the State Government justifying non-inclusion of area of transmission line in the extant proposal.

(iii) Cost benefit analysis does not seem to be certified by concerned officials of the Forest Department. Detailed analysis has not been provided. Further, all parameters specified in the relevant guidelines of the MoEF & CC have not been accounted for into the analysis. Parameters specified in the relevant guidelines needs to be accounted for appropriately using suitable techno-economic tools and detailed analysis needs to be submitted to the MoEF & CC instead of submitting simple arithmetic calculations.

The committee was apprised that the reply to the above mentioned points raised by the ministry was submitted by the State Government vide letter dt 17-02-2021. The same has also been discussed by the concerned Project proponent who presented the project before the committee through video conferencing. It was also informed by the User Agency that regarding evacuation of power from "Sai-Kothi-II" HEP, two 132 KV LILO Towers of proposed Transmission Line to be erected on private land or on the premises of "Sai-Kothi-II" HEP switchyard. It was also submitted that the power generated will be transferred to Tower number 28 of Existing 132 Double Circuit Kurthala-Bathri line.

The committee members were apprised that the river basin study of the Ravi basin was carried out by MoEFCC, New Delhi and has identified the potential of Ravi basin to generate power as 3237.12 MW. Further, being a requirement of CAT Plan in this case, the State Govt. has informed that a comprehensive CAT Plan of Ravi basin has already been approved by the MoEF&CC New Delhi for which 1.5% of total project cost is being charged by the State Govt. In view of current status of its implementation, the representatives of the State Forest Department has conveyed that presently neither any fund under approved comprehensive CAT Plan is received so far nor implemented. The Committee, however, noticed that in few cases like Chhaju HEP etc. 2.5% of project cost has been deposited by the project proponents against CAT Plan in CAMPA fund. Therefore, the State Govt. may re-



examine the fact and provide correct detail to the committee in this regard. Further it has been noticed that all parameters are not quantified in monetary terms in cost benefit analysis.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to defer the proposal to the next REC meeting and desired documents/clarification on following points:*

1. The State Government will re-examine the fact regarding fund that has been deposited under the approved comprehensive CAT Plan for Ravi Basin and provide details of area treated and funds utilized with respect to proposals earlier approved by the Central Government.
2. All parameters of Cost Benefit analysis are needed to be quantified in monetary terms.

**Agenda Item No. 06: Diversion of 0.6972 hectare of forest land in favour of M/s Ved Kumar S/o Shri Chatter Singh, R/o Village Firnoo, P.O. Sharahan, Tehsil Karsog, Distt. Mandi for extraction of Minor Mineral such as Sand, Stone and Bajri, within the jurisdiction of Karsog Forest Division, Distt. Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. (online no. FP/HP/MIN/40928/2019).**

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 0.6972 hectare of forest land for extraction of Minor Mineral such as Sand, Stone and Bajri. The committee noted that no tree is proposed to be felled in the project. It is noted that 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The concerned DFO presented the project before the committee through video conferencing. It was noted that out of 0.6972 area proposed for diversion, 0.0436 ha area will be maintained as safety zone area. The same has been accepted by the committee. The committee was also apprised that the Environment Clearance under the provisions of EIA 2006 will be taken by the project proponent and the mining department has already provided the certificate that the



proposed mining confirms to the DSR and SSMG-2016 & 2020 issued by MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to recommend the proposal to the MoEF&CC, New Delhi.*

**Agenda Item No. 07: Diversion of 4.8266 ha (instead of 3.9489 ha) of forest land in favour of M/s Solding Hydrowatt Pvt. Ltd., Village & Post Office Bari, Tehsil Nichar, Distt. Kinnaur, H.P for the construction of 5.00 MW Soldan Electric Power Project under the jurisdiction of Kinnaur Forest Division, Distt. Kinnaur, H.P. (Online proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/5010/2013)**

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 4.8266 ha (instead of 3.9489 ha) of forest land for the construction of 5.00 MW Soldan Electric Power Project. The committee noted that the proposal was discussed in the REC meeting dt. 25-03-2021 wherein REC recommended the proposal to MoEF&CC, New Delhi for approval subject to submission of reply on 5 points. Reply to the above mentioned points was submitted by the state Govt. vide letter dt. 15-06-2021 after which the proposal was sent to the MoEF&CC for approval but the ministry needed further clarification/ documents on few more points prior to the approval which are as follows:

- (i) The State Government may provide exact distance of project from the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Rupri Bhaba Wildlife Sanctuary along with the comments of CWLW. The copy of the ESZ notification may also be provided.
- (ii) In the Satluj River Basin, many such hydel projects are proposed/going on and carrying capacity study of Satluj Basin seems to be conducted by the State under the aegis of MoEF & CC. The State Government may provide comments on the project with the findings of the study.
- (iii) The State Government may provide a map showing all small and big projects/proposals in the landscape along with Protected Areas and

corridors around as mentioned in the recently notified Eco-Sensitive Zone of the Rupi Bhaba Wildlife Sanctuary.

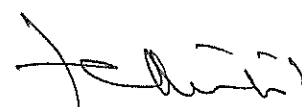
The committee was apprised that the reply to the above mentioned points have been submitted by the State Government vide letter dt. 27-10-2021. The concerned Project proponent presented the project before the committee and briefed the reply to the points raised by the ministry. The revised comments of CWLW has been submitted as desired by the ministry.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to recommend the proposal to the MoEF&CC, New Delhi subject to submission of river basin study for Sutlej river, which may be obtained from HFRI/ICFRE.*

#### **UTTARAKHAND**

**Agenda Item No. 08: Diversion of 14.895 ha of forest land for construction/ improvement of Haridwar Ring Road Section I ( from KM 00.000 to 15.300), in favour of National Highway Authority of India within the jurisdiction of Haridwar Forest Division, District Haridwar, Uttarakhand. (Online Proposal No. FP/ UK/ ROAD /122075 /2021).**

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 14.895 ha of forest land for construction/ improvement of Haridwar Ring Road Section I (from KM 00.000 to 15.300). The committee noted that 283 trees and 132 saplings are proposed to be affected in the project. It is noted that the proposed area is through the Ganga river. Usually Elephants and other Wild Animals Like- Leopard, Cheetal, Sambhar etc passes through the area to reach Ganga river for drinking water. Hence, hence their movement will be certainly affected to certain extent during the construction activities. It is submitted at para I in Part I that application dt. 08.06.2021 is under process in NBWL. It is also noted that no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The concerned DFO presented the proposal through video conferencing and the concerned user agency briefed



about the project before the committee. The representative of the user agency informed that the proposed land is touching the boundary of the Eco-Sensitive Zone and not in the area of eco-sensitive zone. The committee was also informed that the comments of CWLW are required in the proposal instead of the NOC of NBWL. It was also informed that all temporary facilities like construction camp, storage area, etc. would be established in non-forest area and no diversion under FCA 1980 would be required for these facilities.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to issue in-principle approval in the proposal subject to following points:*

1. State Government may clarify whether the comments of CWLW would be sufficient or the approval of NBWL would also be required?
2. If there is need to take the approval of NBWL the same may be informed or if there is only a requirement of the comments of CWLW, the State Govt. is required to submit the same and accordingly make the necessary corrections at para I in Part I.

**Agenda Item No.09: Diversion of 9.053 ha of forest land for widening / improvement of Nandprayag Ghat Motor Road under the declaration number 797/2017 and 182/2021 of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, in favour of PWD within the jurisdiction of Badrinath Forest Division ,Gopeshwar, District Chamoli, Uttarakhand. (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/ROAD/143929/2021)**

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 9.053 ha of forest land for widening / improvement of Nandprayag Ghat Motor Road. The committee noted that 1212 trees and 146 saplings are proposed to be affected in the project. It is noted that 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The concerned user agency presented the project before the committee but appeared unprepared. It was observed that the width of the road is proposed as 12 m and asked user

agency to justify the same. But the user agency seemed confused and could not justify the requirement of 12m width.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to defer the proposal to the next REC meeting with following points:*

1. The State Government is required to justify the width of the proposed road or else prepare the proposal as per the norms of IRC and submit the revised proposal accordingly.
2. The State Government is required to submit the administrative approval/forest approval of the existing road on which widening is proposed.
3. The State Government is also requested to submit the drawing (mentioning the width of different parts of the road) of the project.

**Agenda Item No.10: Diversion of 23.57 ha (instead of 33 ha) of forest land for establishment of one NDRF battalion in favour of National Disaster Response Force, within the jurisdiction of Tarai Central, Haldwani Forest Division, Distt. Nainital, Uttarakhand. (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/Others/120652/2021)**

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 23.57 ha (instead of 33 ha) of forest land for establishment of one National Disaster Response Force battalion. The committee noted that 2260 trees including 1075 saplings are proposed to be affected in the project. It is noted that 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 in the area proposed for diversion. Further, no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The committee noted that the proposal was discussed in the REC meeting dt. 21.09.2021 wherein the REC decided to defer the proposal with the condition to submit the component wise breakup of the area proposed for diversion along with the justification of allocating such area for each component as well as the area requirement for each component at its minimum and duly authenticated in view of norms/ guidelines of MHA or other competent authority.



The concerned User Agency presented the proposal through video conferencing and gave a detailed presentation about the project and the reduced area requirement of each components before the committee. It was informed that now the total area requirement is reduced to 23.57 ha and out of this 15.63 ha area is as per the norms of MHA issued vide letter dt. 10/08/2011 while 6.37 ha area is proposed for the components which are not included in approved authorization of scale/norms of infrastructure for NDRF Battalions. Further, 1.58 ha area is proposed for approach road. On being asked by the committee about the width of the road which has been taken as 30 m, the user agency informed that there are stores which are adjacent to the road and included in the width of the road.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee agreed on the reduced area requirement of 23.57 ha and decided to issue in-principle approval in the proposal subject to submission of the revised proposal for 23.57 ha area accompanied with revised maps and KML file of diversion area, tree enumeration list, CA area, layout plan and other necessary documents in the proposal as per revised area requirement on online portal. Also the user agency should provide the exact width of the road along with details of layout and infrastructure proposed along the road as the width of 30 m for road is not justified.*

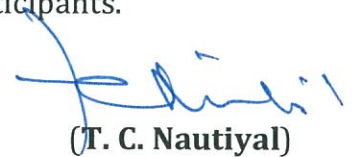
**Agenda Item No.11: Diversion of 0.958 ha of forest land for construction of Sanbend San Syund to Saterakhal Motor road, in favour of Irrigation Division within the jurisdiction of Rudraprayag Forest Division, District Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand. (Online Proposal No. FP/UK/ROAD/119756/2021)**

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 0.958 ha of forest land for construction of Sanbend San Syund to Saterakhal Motor road. Although the proposal is not of REC purview the case is placed in the REC meeting for discussion because the work has been started prior to the approval under FC Act, 1980. The committee noted that 32 trees and 3 saplings are proposed to be affected in the project It is noted that 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 in the area proposed for

diversion. Further, it is noted that there is violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The concerned DFO presented the proposal through video conferencing.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee deferred the proposal. The violations should be analyzed in detail and specific actions that are required as per the guidelines should be placed before the REC.*

The meeting ended with thanks to the members and other participants.



(T. C. Nautiyal)

DIGF-cum-Member, REC

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5. The Additional Chief Secretary (Forest), Govt. of Uttarakhand, 4 Subhash Road, Dehradun.
6. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forest), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Armsdale Building, Shimla.
7. The Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation, Uttarakhand, Indira Nagar, Forest Colony, Dehradun for information. He is requested to take action on the decisions taken in the REC meeting (Project wise) & ensure submission of compliance to this office for further necessary action.
8. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Talland, Shimla, H.P. for information. He is requested to take action on the decisions taken in the REC meeting (Project wise) & ensure submission of compliance to this office for further necessary action.



(T. C. Nautiyal)

DIGF-cum-Member, REC

