

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

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**Dated: December, 2023**

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Himachal Pradesh,  
Shimla.

**Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 211.8427 ha. of forest land for construction of 500 MW Dugar Hyrdo Electric Project in favour of NHPC Ltd. under Pangri Forest Division and Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh (Online No. FP/HP/HYD/123533/2021) – regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Himachal Pradesh's letter No. Ft. 48-5297/2021 (FCA) dated 02.07.2022 read along with letter no. letter No. Ft.48-5297/2021 dated 09.11.2023 on the above mentioned subject and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 29.11.2023. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in). After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee deferred the proposal and decided that:

- i. A study of the project area, impact of the proposed project and feasibility shall be got conducted by the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun at the cost of the user agency.
- ii. The State shall explore the possibility of muck dumping on non-forest land and away from the river. The possibility of using non-forest land for job facility area shall also be explored. The detail of alternatives examined along with the number of trees involved in each case and reasons for their acceptance/rejection shall also be submitted.
- iii. The copy of the approved CAT plan for instant proposal shall be submitted.
- iv. The approved mining plans in case of the proposed quarry sites shall be submitted.

In view of the above, it is requested to furnish the information as above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-**  
**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central). Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chandigarh;
3. The Sub-office of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chandigarh at Shimla;
4. The Nodal Officer (FCA) O/o PCCF (HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla;
5. User Agency;
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.