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विषय:- Diversion of 0.4148 ha of additional forest land in favour of Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Pvt. Ltd. for the construction of Integrated Kashang HEP Stage-II & III (130 MW) for some modification in the Project component construction of Silt Flushing Tunnel (SFT), within the jurisdiction of Kinnaur Forest Division, Distt. Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No FP/HP/HYD/49387/2020)

सन्दर्भ:- Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/49387/2020 uploaded by the State Government on dated 31.10.2022.

महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषयांकित पर संदर्भित पत्र का आशय ग्रहण करते हुए सूचित करना है कि प्रस्तुत प्रस्ताव का online portal पर अबलोकन करने पर प्रस्ताव में निम्नलिखित कमियां पाई गई हैं। अतः राज्य सरकार निम्न बिन्दुओं पर चाही गई सूचनाएं प्रेषित करने का कष्ट करें, ताकि प्रस्ताव पर आगामी कार्यवाही की जा सके:-

1. The forwarding letter of the concerned project has not been uploaded on PARIVESH Portal by the State Govt. Therefore, the same may be uploaded.
2. State Govt. may mention the detail of project approval of Integrated Kashang HEP Stage-I (65 MW) at the designated column Part-I, Para B-1 of PARIVESH Portal.
3. Detailed list of proposals commissioned/approved/existing/proposed in the river/rivulet area to be provided along with map, KML files and approved capacity of the river/rivulet.
4. As per the DSS analysis, the aerial distance of the proposed project is 6.68 km from the boundary of LippaAsrang WLS. However, the ESZ of the said WLS has not been notified so far. Therefore, the proposed diversion area is falling within 10 kms of default ESZ. Therefore, CWLW comments may be provided in this regard.
5. To assess the impact of project on wildlife and PAs, holistic assessment should be relied upon instead of project area specific assessment. Therefore, detailed comments on the holistic assessment on the impact of the proposed project on wildlife and nearby PA/s may also be provided.

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6. State Govt. may provide the details of progressive detail/status of area treated and fund utilized under comprehensive CAT Plan which is already in approved proposal no. 9-HPC-366/09-CHA, dated 14.06.2011 of Integrated Kashang HEP Stage-II & III.
7. The explored alternative sites have not been uploaded on KML file. Therefore, State Govt. may upload all the explored alternative sites on KML. Further, approved alignment Plan along-with Evacuation Plan of proposal no. 9-HPC-366/09-CHA, dated 14.06.2011 of Integrated Kashang HEP Stage-II & III may also be marked on KML.
8. State Govt. may provide the FRA Certificate in prescribed format along-with a copy of records of all consultation and meetings of FRC and Gram Sabha of concerned villages, before Stage-II approval.
9. State Govt. may provide the NOC issued by the Kashang Village Panchayat for establishment of proposed project. Further, the beneficiaries villages may also be marked on the KML file.
10. The Cost Benefit ratio has been calculated on the approved proposal no. 9-HPC-366/09-CHA, dated 14.06.2011 of Integrated Kashang HEP Stage-II & III under diversion area 17.6857 ha. Therefore, C:B ratio needs to be reviewed and revised according to the tune of additional forest area (0.4148 ha) as well as NPV being proposed for the diversion accordingly.
11. The project of Integrated Kashang HEP Stage-II & III has been approved in 2011. Therefore, the plantation work carried under CA scheme may be provided in shape file of the CA land area in CD format along-with the survival percentage of the plantation.
12. The name of the component mentioned in Part-I, Para B-2.4 under Sr. No.1 needs to be rectified. This may be corrected.
13. The name of the components written in Part-I, Para B-2.4 are mismatching with the components name written in KML file. This may be reviewed and rectified.
14. Undertaking may be submitted by the concerned DFO that there is no change in the proposal in term of scope, purpose, approved Layout Plan and other important aspects, nor any kind of violation has been made by the U/A in the already approved project of Integrated Kashang HEP Stage-II & III. Further, detailed justification may also be provided to delay in commencement of the project.
15. In Part-II, Para 4-iii the scientific name of the trees mentioned as 'Others'. Therefore, State Govt. may mention the Species-wise scientific names of the trees in appropriate column.
16. The NOC for establishment of the project issued by the competent authority of HPSPCB has been expired on dated 31.3.2021. Therefore, State Govt. may submit the same.
17. The DA of the proposed project falls under PWC (Protection Working Circle). However the Hon'ble Apex Court of India has banned diversion of forest land in PWC. Therefore, State govt. may provide the comments in this regard.
18. According to the brief note on the vulnerability of the forest area to erosion, it is mentioned that there is not seriously eroded or is not much vulnerable to erosion. 21 important trees viz *Deodar*, *Neoza* and *Kail* species are being affected in the project and the forest/adjoining area may prone to accelerated the Soil erosion/Landslide during/after execution of the

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- project. Moreover, the proposed diversion is located in ecologically fragile cold desert mountains. Therefore, State Govt. may review and revise the proposal accordingly as per the recent directions of MoEF & CC vide letter dated 7.6.2022 and may submit the Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan along-with detail cost of its implementation in to account of CAMPA is required to be deposited along-with Stage-I approval. However, in cases where it is not possible for the State Govt. to submit the compliance due to delay in preparation of such plan, a lump sum amount of 0.5% of the project cost shall be realized from the User Agency and submitted along-with the Stage-I compliance. The deficit amount, as per the said plan, if any, from the money already realized to the tune of 0.5% of the project cost shall be deposited in CAMPA account prior to actual working on the forest area. An undertaking to this effect may also be submitted.
19. According to the Part-II, Para-8 (i) the important wildlife species viz Himalayan Black Bear, Leopard, and Red Fox etc. are present in and around the area proposed for diversion. Therefore, State Govt. may review and revise the proposal accordingly as per the recent directions of MoEF & CC vide letter dated 7.6.2022 and may submit the Wildlife Management Plan along-with detail cost of its implementation in to account of CAMPA is required to be deposited along-with Stage-I approval. However, in cases where it is not possible for the State Govt. to submit the compliance due to delay in preparation of such plan, a lump sum amount of 2% of the project cost shall be realized from the User Agency and submitted along-with the Stage-I compliance. The deficit amount, as per the said plan, if any, from the money already realized to the tune of 2% of the project cost shall be deposited in CAMPA account prior to actual working on the forest area. An undertaking to this effect may also be submitted.
 20. The IA (Implementation Agreement) of the project has not been provided/uploaded. The same may be provided.
 21. MMP (Muck Management Plan) has not been provided/uploaded with the proposal. However, four components are being constructed in an open/under ground area. Therefore, State Govt. may provide/upload the comprehensive MMP along-with detail of measurement of muck to be generated in the project. Additionally, clarification regarding the muck disposal may also be provided.
 22. The proposed DA has not been found/marked in the revenue record (Tatima) provided, neither Field Book nor Jamabandi of the same has been provided/uploaded issued by the competent authority of revenue deptt. Therefore, same may be provided/uploaded on PARIVESH Portal.
 23. The Layout Plan of the approved/proposed has not provided. Therefore, State Govt. may provide the Layout Plan of the approved proposal (Integrated Kashang HEP Stage-II & III) along-with proposed additional DA. Further, all the components (approved and proposed) may be marked with evacuation plan in the Layout Plan, Sol and Digital Map, KML in distinct colour scheme and same should be uploaded on PARIVESH Portal, duly authenticated by concerned DFO.

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24. The geographical area of the district Kinnaur mentioned in Part-II, Para14 may needs to be rectified.

Further, this may kindly be ensured that the proposal may be thoroughly scrutinized, reviewed and revised keeping in mind the suggestions given by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi vide File no. 8B/HP/01/147/2019/FC, Office Memorandum dated 13th May 2022 regarding the Hydel Projects of Himachal Pradesh.

State Govt. shall ensure that all the desired information/documents are uploaded on at designated column of Part-I/II on PARIVESH Portal.

यदि चाही गई सूचना पत्र जारी होने की तिथि के 60 दिनों के भीतर (अधिकतम 90 दिन) इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त नहीं हुई तो प्रस्ताव को निरस्त किया जा सकता है।

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