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Government of India
Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change
(FC Division)

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Dated: 11 June, 2019

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar.

Sub.: Proposal for diversion of additional area of 4.2 ha of forest land (PH & Barrage Quarry of 0.5 ha and Muck Access road of 3.7 ha) in respect of Heo Hydro Electric Project (240 MW) being developed by M/s Heo Hydro Power Private Limited in West Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh's letter For.322/Cons/2010/Part/3806-809 dated 21.11.2018 forwarding a proposal for seeking diversion of additional 4.2 ha of forestland for construction of Heo Hydro Electric Project (240 MW) in West Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Heo Hydro Power Private Limited. The said proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 22.05.2019 and detailed minutes of meeting are available on Ministry's website: www.parivesh.nic.in. After thorough deliberation and discussion FAC decided that:

- (i) Regional Office, Shillong shall inspect the area and submit a detail report related to area required to be deleted or added to the forest land which has already been granted *In- Principle* approval.
- (ii) The Status of quarry sites which the user agency had proposed to be abandoned due to geological studies, may be ascertained. Regional office may clearly give recommendation if that area can be taken out of the purview of *In- Principle* approval granted earlier to the project and managed under regular management of the forest department or the user agency has to keep the area within the project and maintain as a green belt. The requirement of CA area can be calculated accordingly.
- (iii) Regional office may also see the option of approach roads to the newly proposed quarry sites. It may be checked if the area of approach road is also a part of the proposal.
- (iv) Regional office may see all three HEPs of the same company. The user agency had proposed reappropriation of area of these projects. The requirement of CA need to reassessed and reported accordingly.
- (v) State government in consultation with Regional office, Shillong may submit exact requirement of area along with shape files so that the *in principle* approval granted to the project can be modified accordingly.
- (vi) The area proposed to be added may also be analysed on DSS.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish the information on the point (v) above to Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Shillong under intimation to this Office.

Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
3. The Addl. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Shillong – with a request to provide SIR along with detailed report as sought by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) to this Division for further consideration of the proposal.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Divisions, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File