

No.Ft.48-3452/2016 (FCA)
H.P.Forest Department.

From

Nodal Officer–cum-PCCF (FCA)
O/o Pr.CCF(HoFF), H.P. Shimla.

To

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC),
Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
(Forest Conservation Division) Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003.

Dated Shimla-1, the

Subject: **Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Sai Eternal Foundation (formerly known as Sai Engineering Foundation), Sai Bhawan, Sector-4, New Shimla-171009 (H.P.) for non-forestry use of 13.3082 hectares of forestland for the construction of Tundah-II Hydro Electric Project (24 MW) within the jurisdiction of Bharmour Forest Division, District Chamba in the State of Himachal Pradesh (Proposal No: FP/HP/HYD/49283/2020).**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter No FC/HPC/01/09/2021 dated 10.03.2025 on the subject cited above.

2. The point wise reply to the observation as raised vide your above referred communication is submitted as below:-

1. DFO Bharmour has submitted that as per clarification furnished by the DFO (Wildlife), Chamba the proposed diversion lies outside the notified boundary of Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary, with the nearest component at a distance of 789 meters. Accordingly, SBWL/NBWL approval is not required in the present case. He is further submitted that as per field report the aerial distance form component of Hydroelectric project to Tundah Wildlife sanctuary is approximately 760.75 meter. The relevant document has been uploaded in Part –I in additional information at Sr. No. 41. The UA has submitted an undertaking for preparing the Wild Life Management Plan as some of the components fall with in the ESZ of the Tunda Wild Life Sanctuary.
2. User agency has submitted that the requirement of land has been examined in detail and as confirmed by the Director of Energy/Nodal Agency, all viable alternatives have been explored. The proposed area, including 4.2877 hectare for muck disposal is essential considering terrain constraints and cannot be reduced further without affecting project implementation. The relevant document has been uploaded in Part –I in additional information at Sr. No. 42.
3. User agency has submitted that as per clarification furnished by the Director of Energy/Nodal Agency, Government of Himachal Pradesh, the proposed area of 3.2102 hectares is the barest minimum required for approach roads and is in conformity with the approved DPR. Any further reduction is not technically

feasible without affecting project implementation. The relevant document has been uploaded in Part –I in additional information at Sr. No. 43.

4. In reply to this observation user agency has submitted that as per clarification furnished by Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife), Chamba, the proposed diversion area lies outside the notified boundary of Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary and is not likely to adversely affect its flora and fauna. Accordingly the proposal does not fall under the High Conservation Value (HCV) Zone. The relevant document has been uploaded in Part –I in additional information at Sr. No. 44. Further DFO Bharmour has submitted that as per the report of Rnage Forest Officer, the aerial distance form component of Hydro electric project to Tundah Wildlife sanctuary is approximately 760.75 meter. (Copy enclosed).
5. The user agency has submitted that The Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan, amounting to ₹3.25 Crores, has been duly approved by the competent authority i.e. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Himachal Pradesh, The approved CAT Plan along with sanction order has been uploaded on the portal for kind reference and consideration. The relevant document has been uploaded in Part –I under additional information at Sr.No.45 & Sr. No. M, (ii), (b).
6. User agency has submitted that the KML files of the alternative alignments have been uploaded on the PARIVESH portal part-I against the column no. C.
7. In reply to this observation user agency has submitted that the Director of Energy/Nodal Agency, Government of Himachal Pradesh has clarified that Tundah-II HEP is a run-of-river scheme with a small-capacity barrage .Accordingly approval from the State Dam Safety Authority (SDSA) and National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) is not applicable in the present case. The relevant document has been uploaded in Part –I in additional information at Sr. No. 46.
8. In reply to this observation user agency has submitted that DFO Kullu has issued certificate dated 04.06.2025 clarifying the status of the said Patches and confirming the suitability of the identified CA land in accordance with the applicable provisions. Accordingly, identification of alternate CA sites is not required. The said certificate has been uploaded on the online portal for kind Further DFO Bharmour has submitted that CA sites along with CA details viz. Site Suitability Certificate, site specific CA scheme, KML file and DGPS maps has been uploaded in appropriate column in Part-II.
9. In reply to this observation DCF Bharmour has submitted that the KML file of concerned Protected Forest pertaining to area proposed for diversion and concerned degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation has sent separately to your office through Email dated 25.04.2026 please.

Yours faithfully,

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