No.D.V-508/G/<u>8757</u> HP Forest Department

Dated Chamba, the 2-2-201

From:

Chief Conservator of Forests, Chamba. To:- Nodal officer-cum-APCCF (FCA) O/o Pr. CCF HP Shimla.

Subject: - Diversion of 11.9813 ha. of forest land in favour of HPSEBL Hydel investigation Division Chamba for construction of Sai-Kothi-II HEP (16.5MW) within the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division.

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Kindly refer to GOI, MOEF & CC letter No. 8B/HP/01/129/2019/FC/113 on the subject cited above.

2. In this connection, the observation raised by the GOI. MOEF vide letter under reference have been attended by the User Agency as well as DFO Churah, the reply to the observations as submitted by DFO Churah is furnished as under:-

 (a) To this point, it is submitted that Comprehensive CAT Plan for Ravi basin has been formulated and approved during year 2015, and since the Churah Forest Division has not received funds for its execution/treatment. The implementation status of CAT Plan may kindly be considered as nil.

(b) Maps indicating the catchment area of the extant project vis-à-vis area of Comprehensive CAT Plan is enclosed herewith.

(c) As per the HP Govt. Notification dated 21.11.2019, the outlay 1.5% of the total project cost shall be applicable for all HEP above 10MW in HP. Justification report in the regard is also enclosed herewith.

User Agency has submitted that implementing agency for both project as well as transmission line is same and a part of HPSEBL. But, both the agencies functioning separately. Civil Wing of HPSEBL will construct the project. Whereas, Transmission Wing (Electrical System) will evacuate the power from Pot-head-yard to the transmission line As Transmission Wing has to arrange to evacuate the power from HPSEBL projects constructed or to be constructed in future in the nearby area by other agencies (Private as well as government agencies) which may get LILO into the proposed evacuation line before the construction of this project or in future. Therefore, it is not fixed to construct a project specific dedicated transmission line for power evacuation.

However, to evacuate power from Sai Kothi-II HEP three nos. 132 KV LILO towers are proposed to be erected on private land and the premises of Sai-Kothi-II HEP switch yard. The power will be transferred to Tower No. 28 of existing 132 Double Circuit Kurthala-Bathari Line.

All the towers are proposed on private land or on proposed land of Sai-Kothi-II HEP Switch yard. Therefore, diversion of Transmission Line for Sai-Kothi-II HEP is not required.

Cost benefit Analysis duly certified by the DFO Churah is enclosed herewith.

This is for favor of your information and necessary action please.

Encl:-

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As above.

Chief Conservator of Forests, Chamba Forest Circle, Chamba