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HP Forest Department

Dated Chamba, the 2-2-2021.

From: Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chamba.

To:- ✓ Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF
(FCA) O/o Pr. CCF HP
Shimla.

Subject: - Diversion of 9.739 ha. of forest land in favour of HPSEBL Project construction Division No.I Tissa Distt. Chamba for the construction of Devi-Kothi HEP (16 MW) within the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division.

Memo:

Kindly refer to GOI, MOEF & CC letter No. 8B/HP/01/116/2019/FC/128 dated 13.01.2021 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:-

1. (a) Needful has been done. A contradictory submission with regard to CAT has been clarified and necessary certificate has been uploaded online against M (a) by the User Agency.
2. (b) 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 fund for its execution/treatment. The implementation status of CAT Plan may kindly be considered as nil.
(c) Maps indicating the catchment area of the extant project vis-à-vis area of Comprehensive CAT Plan are enclosed herewith.
(d) 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.
3. 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 function 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 Devi Kothi HEP, the Transmission Line from Pot-head -Yard up to the 132/33KV Banjal Sub-station falls in the private land. Therefore, the area is not incorporated in the extent proposal. However, Transmission system from 132/33KV sub-station to 132KV sub-station Kurthla has been proposed through a 33KV Double Circuit line with approximate length of 6 KM but not incorporated in this FCA proposal. Because, this Power evacuation from Sub-station Banjal to Kurthla shall be done by the (other Agency) HPPTCL, and FCA case for this shall be prepared separately by the HPPTCL.

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

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

Encl:-

As above.


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