

No.D.V-561/G/ 1617
HP Forest Department

Dated Chamba, the 3-7-2021

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

Subject: - Diversion of 9.3408 ha. of forest land in favour of HPSEBL Project construction Division No.I Tissa Distt. Chamba for the construction of Hail HEP (18 MW) within the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division.

Memo:

8/13-14 Kindly refer to GoI, MOEF, Regional Office letter No. 8B/HP/01/45/2021/FC/76 dated 29.05.2021 on the subject cited above.

2. In this connection, the observations raised 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. Justification in terms of its purpose for Job Facilities, Magazine, Valve House, Workshop & store are given as under:-
 - ◆ **JOB FACILITIES:** The land for job facilities is required to accommodate construction labour, mens, Dispensary & site offices etc.
 - ◆ **MAGAZINE:** It is required to safely store the explosive material such as Gelatin, Detonators etc. This land is to be selected far away from the habitation.
 - ◆ **VALVE HOUSE :** The land for Valve House is required to accommodate valve after surge shaft to have control on flow of water in Penstock.
 - ◆ **WORKSHOP & STORE:** The land for workshop & Store is required to store the construction material and repairing of construction equipment's vehicles and fabrication of structural steel for project component etc.
2. The desired Cost benefit duly authenticated by the DFO Churah is enclosed herewith.
3. The CA scheme already proposed as per the FCA guidelines 2.4 (iii) on the degraded/waste land in UPF Chuili, which is not in the name of Department of Forest.
4. In this regard, it is submitted Churah Forest Division has not yet received/allotted any fund for implementation of comprehensive CAT Plan. Hence implementation of comprehensive CAT Plan may kindly be considered as nil.
5. It is submitted that, the area for dumping site is required to adjacent to the area proposed for diversion, but there is no suitable non forest land is available for dumping purpose. Further, the local habitant of nearby vicinity having very small

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