

No.D.V-508/G/ 2649  
HP Forest Department

Dated Chamba, the 9/8/2021

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.**

**Memo:**

Kindly refer to GOI, MOEF & CC letter No. 8B/HP/01/129/2019/FC/106 dated 22.06.2021 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. It has been submitted that the Comprehensive CAT Plan Ravi Basin has been prepared and approved, but, no funds for implementation of Comprehensive CAT Plan have been received in Chamba Forest circle, Chamba against the earlier approved proposals. Hence, the status of implementation of Comprehensive CAT for Ravi basin may kindly be considered as nil.
2. To evacuate power from "Sai-Kothi-II" HEP two 132 KV LILO Towers of proposed Transmission Line to be erected on private land or on the premises of "Sai-Kothi-II" HEP switchyard. It is submitted that the power generated will be transferred to Tower Number 28 of Existing 132 Double Circuit Kurthala-Bathri line.
3. User Agency has submitted that while determining cost benefit ratio as per MoEF guideline number 7-69/2011-FC (Pt.) dated 01st Aug, 2017 some of the factors were to be assumed, mainly 50% benefits are considered (after deducting bear & tear and other losses) from revenue generated from the project for 40 years.

**Moreover, this is a run-of-river scheme. So, the environment impacts are very low. These were the main reason for CB ratio being exorbitantly high.**

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