

No. D-V/605/G/ 169
HP Forest Department

Dated Chamba, the 10-04-2023

From: Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chamba-176 310.

To/ Nodal Officer-Cum-APCCF(FCA)
O/O Pr. CCF, H.P. Shimla.

Subject: - Diversion of 0.6030 hectare of forest land for construction of Banula Baroond-II SHEP (0.80MW) within in jurisdiction of Chamba Division & Distt. Chamba, H.P.

Memo,

Kindly refer to your GoI, MoEF &CC, IRO Shimla letter No. FC/HPB/01/156/2022 dated 15.03.2023 on the subject cited above.

2. In this connection, it is submitted that the observations raised vide letter under reference have been attended by the User Agency as well as DFO Chamba, the point wise reply is given as under: -

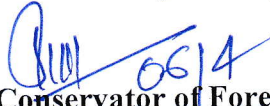
Sr. No.	EDS/Observation	Reply to EDS
1	A fresh Letter of Consent needs to be submitted by the State Government.	A fresh letter of Consent has been uploaded by User Agency online on Part-I.
2	In response to observation no .3 State Govt submitted "that Hon'ble Supreme Court has removed the ban vide order dated 08.02.2022 & allowed diversion of Forest Land in Protection Working Circle". However, a copy of the same may be provided to this office.	Copy of order has been uploaded against additional information with reply by User Agency.
3	The legal status of DA is mentioned as "Protected Forest". Therefore, State Govt. may again clarify whether it is a Govt. Wasteland declared as PF under HP Govt. notification, 1952 or is notified as UPF/DPF under IFA, 1927 and is in possession of H.P Forest Department or not.	It is clarified that the proposed Diversion Area is notified as DPF vide HP Government Notification No. Fts. 15-53/79 dated 19.05.1980 and is in the possession of Forest Department. Copy of evidence has been uploaded against additional in online Part-II.
4	NOC for Banoula Baroond S.H.P (5 MW) from the IPH department has been submitted, however, it is not submitted for the instant proposal. Therefore, NoC from the IPH department for the extant proposal needs to be submitted.	Needful has been done by the User Agency, and same has been uploaded against additional information with reply by User Agency.

5	NOC for Banoula Baroond S.H.P (5 MW) from the Fishery department has been submitted, however, it is not submitted for the instant proposal. Therefore, NOC from the Fishery department for the extant proposal needs to be submitted	Needful has been done by the User Agency, and same has been uploaded against additional information with reply by User Agency.
6	Beneficiary village/s are required to be marked on the KML file.	Needful has been done by the User Agency, and same has been uploaded against additional information with reply by User Agency.
7	In the Joint Inspection Report, the length of the road is submitted as 400 m, however, details under Checklist number 23, the information regarding the length of the road is submitted as 364 m. State Govt. may review and rectify the same.	Needful has been done by the User Agency, and same has been uploaded against additional information with reply by User Agency.
8	An enumeration list of trees, including the compartment no and along with the date of tree enumeration, which is duly authenticated by the concerned DFO, needs to be provided.	Needful has been done by the User Agency, and same has been uploaded against additional information with reply by User Agency.
9	A Layout Plan showing all the components with distinct colours duly authenticated by the concerned DFO needs to be uploaded online.	Needful has been done by the User Agency, and same has been uploaded against additional information with reply by User Agency.
10.	The Site Inspection Report uploaded by the concerned DFO needs to revise as it mentioned "the construction of the proposed Banuala Baroond-II hydroelectric project II 2MW". State Govt. may review and rectify the same.	Needful has been done by the DFO, and same has been uploaded against additional information in online Part-II.
11.	It is observed from the KML file, the diversion area is slightly steep and vulnerable to erosion. Therefore, State Govt. may provide details of the mitigation measures to be adopted to arrest the accelerated soil erosion/landslide during/after the execution of the project. Additionally, the State Govt. may submit Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan along with the detailed cost of its implementation as per MoEF & CC vide letter No. FC11/43/2021-FC dated 07.06.2022	Needful has been done by the DFO, and same has been uploaded against additional information in online Part-II.

12.	It is submitted that no independent Cumulative Impact Assessment and Carrying Capacity study of the Ravi basin has been carried out. However, an independent cumulative Impact assessment and Carrying Capacity study of the Ravi basin has been carried out by a third independent party. Therefore, a copy of the same with recommendations/mitigation measures may be provided or the Carrying Capacity of the Nallah/Rivulet/Stream where the project is proposed from the competent authority may be provided	Needful has been done by the DFO, and same has been uploaded against additional information in online Part-II.
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Submitted for favour of information and necessary action please.

Encls: As above.


Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chamba Forest Circle, Chamba.