No. D-V-594/G/ 3467

HP Forest Department

Dated Chamba, the 10 8 2023

From:

Conservator of Forests (T), Chamba-176 310.

To

Nodal Officer-Cum-APCCF (FCA)

O/O Pr. CCF, H.P. Shimla.

Sub:

Diversion of 211.8427 hectare of forest land for the construction of Dugar 500 MW Hydro Electric Project in favour of NHPC, within jurisdiction of Pangi Forest Division, District Chamba.

Memo:-

above.

Kindly refer to your online EDS dated 10th August 2023 on the subject cited

2 The desired information has been furnished by DFO Pangi and is furnished as under:-

- a. DFO Pangi has submitted that the project component of Dugar HE Project is located in sloppy portion. Therefore, the counting of saplings/poles of girth size 0-30 (0-10 CM DBH) will take times of approximately one-two months. It is hereby undertaken that counting of above-mentioned saplings/poles will be carried out and shall be submitted well before the stage-II approval of the Project.
- b. DFO Pangi again submitted that at the time of inspection done by the IRO Shimla during the month of April 2023, he was in the Hon'ble Court Chamba for personal appearances in certain cases, where last opportunity was afforded by the Hon'ble Court. However, field staffs were present at the time of site inspection. It is pertinent to add here that there are acute shortages of executive staff in Pangi Forest Division since long time. The present staff position is tabulated hereunder for your kind perusal please as:-

| S. No. | Category | Sanctioned Strength | Existing strength | Variation | Remarks |
|-----------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------|--|
| 1 | Forest Range | 04 | 00 | -(04) | Four posts of FR are vacant. |
| 2 | Deputy Ranger | 07 | 02 | -(05) · | One deputy Range is also under transfer. |
| 3 | Forest Guard | 23 | 17 | -(06) | Six posts of Forest Guard are vacant. |

Submitted for favour of your information and necessary action please.

Conservator of Forests, Chamba Forest Circle, Chamba