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Dated: <u>D</u>/11/2020

No: - KFD/FCA/ 2351

To,

The Conservator of Forests, East Circle, Jammu.

- Sub: Para wise reply to the queries raised by DIG Forests (Central), Northern Regional Office of MoEF&CC regarding missing information in Forest clearance of Ujh Multipurpose Project-reg.
- Ref: DIG Forests (Central), Northern Regional Office's communication File No. 8-09/2020-FC dated: 27.07.2020.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, it is submitted that the User Agency, vide their letter No. CE/CI&D/Ujh-xi/1523-26 dated: 12.09.2020 addressed to the PCCF (HoFF), J&K, have furnished the para-wise reply to the queries raised by the Regional Office (Copy enclosed as Annexure-A). Further, an additional statement containing updated replies is enclosed as an addendum to Annexure -A.

This for your information and necessary action..

Yours faithfully,

(Rahut Singh), IFS Divisional Forest Officer Kathua Forest Division, Kathua

Addendum to ANNEXURE-A

Point No.	Observation/Query raised by Northern Regional Office, MoEF&CC	Action taken/Reply furnished
i.	As per the land use plan it is not known if approach road is already available or will be constructed fresh or development work during construction and maintenance phase. The detail in this regards may kindly be provided	Refer to User Agency's Letter No. CE/CI&D/Ujh-xi/1523-26 dated 12.09.2020 (ANNEXURE-A)
ii.	It is observed that the total forest area sought for non- forest use in 1100 Ha as per details submitted on PARIVESH portal (Part-I) whereas the final recommendation is for 680 Ha. This discrepancy is need proper clarification and subsequent updation on PARIVESH portal	Refer to User Agency's Letter No. CE/CI&D/Ujh-xi/1523-26 dated 12.09.2020 (ANNEXURE-A)
111.	The detail about CA are shall be provided with clarity. The user agency is a State Department. The compensatory afforestation shall be provided over non-forest land area. The complete details (like CA scheme, suitability certificate, SOI map and DGPS maps etc) of non forest land shall be uploaded on PARIVESH portal	Refer to User Agency's Letter No. CE/CI&D/Ujh-xi/1523-26 dated 12.09.2020 (ANNEXURE-A). The details like CA Scheme, Suitability Certificates, Sol Map & DGPS maps etc. have been uploaded in Form-A, Part-II on PARIVESH by the Divisional Forest Officer, Billawar Forest Division
iv.	SOI map on 1:50,000 scale and DGPS map of the forest land proposed to be diverted be provided/uploaded.	Refer to User Agency's Letter No. CE/CI&D/Ujh-xi/1523-26 dated 12.09.2020 (ANNEXURE-A)
٧.		The Undertaking, as received
v (a	Undertaking for payment of cost of Compensatory Afforestation (CA) a)	from the User Agency has been uploaded inn Form-A, Part-II on PARIVESH under "Additional Information Details" by the Divisional Forest Officer, Billawar Forest Division
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(0	Undertaking for payment of additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of forest area	The Undertaking, as received from the User Agency has been uploaded inn Form-A, Part-II on PARIVESH under "Additional Information Details"by the Divisional Forest Officer, Billawar Forest Division
	Undertaking for submitting the FRA Certificate	Refer to User Agency's Letter No. CE/CI&D/Ujh-xi/1523-26
(1	d)	dated 12.09.2020 (ANNEXURE-A)
	The DFO Kathua has reported that the Arial distance of the Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary in 700m to 800m from the proposed area. Comments/NOC of Chief Wildlife Warden vi be provided.	Chief Wild Life Warden, J&K to

		herewith.
vii	Approved CAT plan may be uploaded on PARIVESH portal	Refer to User Agency's Letter No. CE/CI&D/Ujh-xi/1523-26 dated 12.09.2020 (ANNEXURE-A)
viii	Area figure of proposed forest land and non forest land in the project area shall be provided correctly and clarity. KML files with detailed land use in the project may be provided for proper analysis	Refer to User Agency's Letter No. CE/CI&D/Ujh-xi/1523-26 dated 12.09.2020 (ANNEXURE- A). Moreover, the details have also been provided in Part-I by the User Agency.
ix	Cost Benefit Analysis shall be provided as per the FCA guidelines, issued on 28.03.2019	Latest Cost-Benefit Analysis Statement has been uploaded by the User Agency on PARIVESH on 08.11.2020
x	Muck disposal plan shall be provided/uploaded on PARIVESH portal	Refer to User Agency's Letter No. CE/CI&D/Ujh-xi/1523-26 dated 12.09.2020 (ANNEXURE-A)

Place: Kathua Date: 10.11.2020 Divisional Forest Officer Kathua Forest Division, Kathua

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No -CE/CI&D -21-21/1523-26

Dated 12 of Sept 2020

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GOVERENMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR ENTERPRISE

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR J&K STATE POWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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- Subject Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 for non-forest use of 680.1 ha (instead of 1100 ha) of Forest land in favour of M/s JKSPDC for construction of Ujh Multipurpose Hydro Electric Project in District Kathua State Jammu and Kashmir (Online proposal No FP/JK/HYD/44025/2020)-Reg
- Ref in State Government online proposal received on 18-7-2020 ii) Direction of MoEF & CC New Delhi on e-file note sheet dated. 14-07-2020
 - III) MOEF &CC office File No. 8-9/2020-FC dated. 27-07-2020

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As desired vide above letter No-under reference (iii) kindly find enclosed herewith the requisite information parawise as under -

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 - per details submitted on PARIVESH portal initially in Phase-I (Part-I) whereas the final recommendation is for 680 ha This discrepancy is need proper clarification and subsequent uploaded on PARIVESH portal. Details about CA area shall be provided Required area for afforestation has been
 - department the afforestation shall be proposed over non forest land area. The complete details (like-CA scheme, Suitability Certificate SOI map and DGPS map etc) of non-forest

Action taken

sought for non-forest use is 1100 ha as for non forest use 680 10 ha is required

with clarity the user agency is a state jointly identified / demarcated by the team of compensatory | revenue, forest and user agency



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- of net Present Value (NPV) of forest area Undertaking for submitting the FRA FRA certificates submitted d certificate
- The DFO Kathua has reported that the Wildlife Arial Distance of the Jasrota Wildlife processing the proposal of wildlife clearance 6 Sanctuary is 700 m to 800 m from the Wildlife department J&K has already proposed area comments / NOC of Chief recommended the case to National Board of Wildlife Warden be provided Approved CAT plan may be uploaded on CAT plan approved by the Pr CCF J&K
 - Area figures of proposed forest land and Detailed land use map stands submitted
 - non forest land in the project area shall be provided correctly and with clarity KML files with detailed land use in the project may be provided for proper analysis
- Cost benefit analysis shall be provided as Cost benefitted analysis is under process per the FCA guidelines issued on 28-03-Q 2019
- Muck disposal plan shall be provided / uploaded on PARIVESH portal 10

department) 15 (Protection Wildlife for final clearance

There is no plan to acquire any additional forest land for muck disposal

Yours faithfully

Chief Engineer CI&D Wing JKPDC Jammu

Copy to the -

- 1 Executive Director (Civil) JKPDC for information 2 Chief Engineer RTIC Jammu for information. He is requested to apprise secretary Jai
- Executive Engineer CCD Ujh / Sewa for information and follow up





GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN

The Commissioner/ Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment & Ecology Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

No:WLP/Tech/2020/ 132-33 Dated: 11.09.2020.

Boulevard Road, Hear Latit Grand Palace, Srinagar 190001 Tel/Fas Nov 0194-2501069 (May-October) Manda - Hills (Hear Ashoka Hotel) Jammu - 180009, Tele/Fax, 0191-1372570 (Hovember-April) Email: jewildlife76@gmail.com

Subject: Proposal for construction of Ujh multipurpose project, Jammu & Kashmirregarding Wildlife clearance of portion of project falling in Eco-Sensitive Zone of Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary.

Reference: MoEF&CC F.No. 6-48/2020WL Dated: 13.07.2020

Madam,

The subject matter was discussed and cleared in 15th meeting of the Standing Committee of State Board for Wildlife held on 18.10.2019 and subsequently submitted to Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife.

Further, the proposal was also cleared by the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife in its 58th meeting held on 03.07.2020. The decision of the Standing Committee of the National for Wildlife is reproduced hereunder;

"The Member Secretary briefed the Standing Committee on the project for use of 4350 ha of land for the construction of 116m high concrete face rock fill dam across the river Ujh, a powerhouse of installed capacity 186 MW (3x6 MW) and powerhouse of 26 MW (1x2MW + 1x24 MW) and a barrage of 11.5 Km downstream of the dam. However, only a small portion of the right main canal (1200m) would be constructed as underground canal in the Eco-Sensitive Zone on the north side of sanctuary. The State Chief Wildlife Warden has recommended the proposal without any conditions.

After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal and suggested that the Chief Wildlife Warden should take measures for protection of Wildlife such as rhesus monkey, porcupine etc in the area".

It is worthwhile to mention that the conditions have been laid down by Standing Committee of the State Board for Wildlife in its meeting mentioned above.

In view of above, it is requested that formal orders with respect to Wildlife clearance for "construction of Ujh multipurpose project, Jammu & Kashmir" (portion falling in Eco-Sensitive Zone of Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary) may kindly be issued as

red by Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife on the conditions laid down and the Standing Committee of the State Board for Wildlife as under;

- a) Since the Ujh river is the main source of water for the wildlife of Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary, the User Agency will ensure that sufficient water must flow downstream after diverting into Left Main Canal and Right main Canal for sustenance of Wildlife throughout the year especially during the summer and dry winter season. As per User Agency, minimum agreed/ proposed flow in the river for maintaining ecology is 2.06 Cumec. Any violation in this regard will be the direct responsibility of User Agency and action under Wildlife Protection Act will be initiated against the User Agency for any loss of Wildlife due to scarcity of the water.
- b) The work on Right Main canal which passes through stretch of 1200 m into the proposed Eco-Sensitive Zone should be executed as per proposed alignment. The said alignment will be underground and passing through the forest area between Bhakta-Khad and Tarnah-Khad.
- c) Extraction or dumping of any construction material inside the sanctuary area shall not be allowed.
- d) All the rules and regulations as per the Wildlife Protection Act and directions from the Hon'ble Supreme Court may be adhered to strictly.
- e) The User Agency shall be responsible for obtaining requisite clearances under any other law in vogue.
- The Chief Wildlife Warden shall take measures for protection of Wildlife such as f) rhesus monkey, porcupine etc in the area.

Yours Faithfully,

(Suresh Kr. Gupta) IFS Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K. Government

Copy to the Regional Wildlife Warden, Jammu for information.

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The plan for Compensatory Afforestation for Ujh MPP has been prepared by DFO Billawar / Basohli. Hence the same is not applicable for Kathua Forest Division.

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