

To

Nodal Officer (FCA)
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
S.A.S Nagar Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar

No 129

Dated 11-06-2020

Subject: Diversion of 275.16 ha. (Instead of 109.64ha.) forest land (211.06 ha. Protected forest and 64.10 ha. PLPA area) excluding delisted area(58.75 ha) out of 333.91 ha of total land for Reservoir of Shahpurkandi Dam Project in Tehsil Dhar Kalan Forest Division and district Pathankot. (By. (SANDESH RAJ) EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SHAHPURKANDI DAM DIVISION NO.II, SHAHPURKANDI TOWNSHIP.) Proposal No. FP/ PB/ HYD/ 40592/ 2019.

With reference to the Nodal officer (FCA) Chandigarh File no Forest-FCA0FC3P/8/2020-FCA Dated 09.06.2020 & reply submitted by user agency & DFO Ropar , the replies to the observations made in the letter are as follows:

Sno.	Observations	Reply
1	There is a mismatch of number of trees uploaded online at S. No. 4(ii) in Part-II which needs to be corrected.	The no. of trees in abstract and in writing have been corrected .
2	Marking list of the trees to be felled has not been uploaded .	Marking list of trees to be felled has been uploaded .
3	Only few jamabandis of Non forest land offered by user agency have been uploaded. Jamabandi , of all patches of Non Forest land being offered , needs to be uploaded	Jamabandi of all non forest land have been uploaded now.
4	Non forest Land offered in Sangrur Forest Division and some Non forest land in Pathankot Forest Division are not free from all encumbrances as per the NOCs sent by land owning agency/UA and state that it will be made free from encumbrance and encroachment at the time of handing over. Unconditional NOC from UA /land owning Agency free from all encumbrances is desirable	User agency informed vide his office letter no1890-91/1-Q Forest dated 10.06.2020 that the encumbrance free certificate of Pathankot Forest Division has been uploaded now. With respect to Sangrur Forest Division since the drainage department(land owning agency) has assured that the land will be made free from encumbrances and encroachment at the time of handing over the land. Since the project is of urgent public importance, it is requested to kindly send the case to Government to India for their perusal at the earliest.
5	NOCs of Non forest land offered of in all the cases mentions that land will be provided for Compensatory Afforestation whereas as per GOI Guidelines Non forest land is to be transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department and declared as PF/RF. Clear Undertaking from UA/Land Owning Agency is desirable as per GOI Guidelines.	User agency informed vide his office letter no1890-91/1-Q Forest dated 10.06.2020 that the NOC received with reference to Non forest land i.e. Gujran Rest house ,Arkwas disty , Village Tig Nangal (Rest house Tig Nangal),Village Chogwan/ Kohali (Rest House Kohali), ,Village Iban (Rest House Iban), Village Lopoke (Rest Houst Lopoke), Village Khalra (Rest House Khalra), Village Mussa (Rest House Mussa),Village Lalu Ghumman (Rest House Lalu Ghumman),Village Khawaspur (Khwaspur Rest House), Village Dilwarpur (Dilawarpur rest House),Village Khara (Khara Rest House) , Village Maliyan (Jandiala Rest House), Village Bhoewal (Bhoewal Rest House), Village Ghaggar Bhanna (Ghaggar Bhanna Rest house), Village Jaura (Jaura Rest House), Village Bhikari Harni (Rest

		House Sathiali), Sri Hargobindpur (Rest House Sri Hargobindpur), Railway Line(RSD), Dam Colony, Hydel Channel (Rajpura) & Hydel Channel (Jugial) . mentions that the mutations of the above lands will be done in favour of Forest Department
6	Compensatory afforestation scheme submitted by Ropar Forest division is simply of tall plantation model. The NFL offered in Ropar is thermal power plant dump which seems to be refractory in nature and may need soil replacement. Concerned DFO may be requested to revisit the scheme and revise it accordingly if required.	DFO Ropar conveyed to this office that the soil condition of thermal power plant site is suitable for tall plantation & the soil replacement will not be needed in these circumstances.
7	Expedite deposit of GPM processing fee for increased Forest Area although Undertaking has been given by UA.	The undertaking with reference to GPM Processing fee has been uploaded .The GPM Processing fees shall be deposited immediately after availability of funds.
8.	As per GOI observation 58.75 ha. was to be included in the proposal but it has not been included instead justification has been given by UA .	User agency informed vide his office letter no1890-91/1-Q Forest dated 10.06.2020 that the Justification regarding 58.75 ha delisted has been uploaded . This case is of utmost public importance aiming to check the flow Ravi river going to Pakistan .It is therefore requested to send this proposal to the GOI for their perusal at an earliest.
9	As per GOI observations RR policy of 2013 was asked to follow but RR policy of 1993 seems to be followed although few rehabilitations still to be done.	User agency informed vide his office letter no1890-91/1-Q Forest dated 10.06.2020 that most of the land for Shahpurkandi Dam Project has been acquired prior to the year 2013 and balance land of about 35.79 Acre shall be acquired as per provisions laid down in the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 by providing Rehabilitation and Resettlement benefits accordingly.

This is for your information & further necessary action please.

Yours faithfully

Divisional Forest Officer,
Pathankot.

Hoshiarpur, Punjab for information &

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A copy of this letter is to be sent to Conservator of Forest, North Circle Hoshiarpur, Punjab for information & necessary action