

No. 251

H.P. Forest Department

Dated Reckong Peo, the, 12 April . 2023

From: DCF Kinnaur Forest Division

To:- CF Rampur,

Subject: - **Diversion of 7.3722 Ha. of forest land as additional forest land requirement in already approved diversion in favour of Shongtong Karchham Hydro Electric Project, HPPCL under the jurisdiction of Kinnaur Forest Division Distt. Kinnaur, H.P. (Online No. FP/HP/HYD/4061/2019).**

Sir,

Kindly refer to Chief Conservater of Forests Endst. No.31 dated 03.04.2023 on the subject cited above.

In this connection it is submitted that the point wise requisite compliance is furnished as under: -.

Sr. No.	Observations	Reply
1.	The Part-I of the application form mentions that the forest land is required due to enhancement in the existing capacity of HEP from 402 to 450 MW, due to change in the river course during flood and also usage of already diverted dumping site used by BRO and restriction imposed by the Army Authorities for construction activities within the boundary of 1200 yards. In this regard the details along with the KML files of the project area affected by floods and the already diverted dumping site used by shall be submitted along with the details of relevant approvals.	The requirement of additional forest land is due to the enhancement of the capacity of HEP from 402 to 450 MW and also due to due to change in the river course during flood. The meandering of river and Occurrence of landslides and glaciers is common and natural phenomenon to this area which has been causing damage to already diverted dumping site & removal of debris from land slide & road widening from the NH-05 (which is of importance from Defence point of view) towards valley side

		where dumping sites were located, by BRO and restriction imposed by the Army Authorities for construction activities within the boundary of 1200 yards. As conveyed by project proponent Hence, additional land is required for approach road to SFT and dumping purpose. The KML file of project area affected by flood and already diverted dumping site used by BRO has been attached in CD shape.
2.	The State Govt. has reported violation of 0.5883 Ha. but the nature of violation is not furnished. The detail of violation needs to be provided. Further, it has also been mentioned that it is encroachment. The same needs clarification.	As per the site inspection carried out by the field staff and revenue staff, in Khasara No.854/823/1& 1/1, near barrage site same portion of Intake excavation and approach road Aprox. (100x5) mt. to the SFT has been observed. Whereas at present no activities were going on after the issuance notice from this office. Project, is committed to pay the penalty towards damage caused as per MoEF&CC norms.
3.	It is noted that the letter dated 12.12.2013 from PCCF (HoFF) to Pr. Secretary (Forest) has been uploaded on PARIVESH in lieu of revised Catchment Treatment (CAT) Plan. Therefore, the revised Catchment Treatment plan may be uploaded on PARIVESH, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh may also confirm the status of implementation of the CAT plan.	The Revised addendum approval of CAT Plan has been attached as per the letter of 12.12.2013 i.e. from PCCF (HoFF) to the Pr. Secretary (Forest).The revised CAT plan is attached herewith
4.	The point wise status of compliance of the conditions stipulated in the Stage-II approval dated 14.11.2012, 1980 for diversion of 63.5015 Ha. of forest land for	The compliance to stipulated condition of Stage-II, (Final FC &

	construction of 402 MW Shongtong Karchham Hydro Electric Project under FCA, 1980 and Environment Clearance dated 19.05.2011 shall be furnished.	Environment Clearance) accorded by MoEF&CC is being regularly reported to MOEF&CC sixth monthly basis by project proponent. Last Monitoring Report of Dec 2022 is being attached along with the compliance status as of 31.03.2023.
5.	The shape file /KML files for diverted area and Compensatory Afforestation (CA)/Green Belt Plantation done in case of Stage-II approval dated 14.11.2012 for diversion of 63.5015 Ha. of forest land shall be provided.	The shape file /KML files for diverted area and Compensatory Afforestation (CA)/Green Belt Plantation done in case of Stage-II approval dated 14.11.2012 is being annexed with Reply in CD
6.	The status of implementation of the R&R plan in case of instant project shall also be submitted.	Status of Implementation of R&R Plan as on 31.03.2023, in case of Shongtong Karchham HEP is attached
7.	As per DSS analysis, Sangla Valley (Raksham Chitkul) Wildlife Sanctuary is located at a distance of 9.78 Km from proposed area of diversion which is less than 10 Km. The status of notification of ESZ around the said protected area shall be submitted. Further, it shall be ascertained that the proposed area of diversion does not fall within the eco-sensitive zone .	As per the Draft Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notification New Delhi, the 3rd June, 2016. The components of the project fall outside the Rakchham Chitkul wildlife sanctuary and its Eco sensitive Zone. Copy of the certificate from DFO wildlife, Notification of MoEF&CC is attached herewith. Although Project proponent has requested to wildlife warden GoHP for clarification which may be obtained at Nodal Office.

8.	Legible copy of Survey of India (SoI) Toposheet map showing proposed diversion may be uploaded on PARIVESH.	Legible copy of Survey of India (SoI) TOPO sheet has been attached
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Copy is forwarded to:

The General Manager (Civil) Integrated Kashang HEP, Stage-II and III, HPPCL for information w.r.t their office letter No. 3980 dated 31/12/2022 please.

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