No.Ft. 48-3785/2018(FCA), Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh

From: Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),

Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1.

To: The Regional Officer,

Integrated Regional Office GoI, MoEF&CC, CGO Complex, Shivalik Khand, Longwood,

Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

Dated Shimla-1, the 1 5 DEC 2022

Subject: Diversion of 8.0678 ha. of forest land in favour of M/s FRIENDS HIM

ENERGIES, C/O Near Happy Sr. Sec. School, Jail Road, Gurdaspur-143521, for the construction of Siul-iv-SHEP, within the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division, Distt. Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. (Online No.

FP/HP/HYD/35437/2018).

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No.8B/HP/01/147/2019/FC dated 07.06.2022 on the subject cited proposal.

2. The pointwise reply to the observations as raised vide your above referred communication is submitted as below:-

1. Part-IV and Part-V has been uploaded.

- 2. The smallest unit to measure the land as per revenue system in District Chamba is Karma, and 1 Karma is equal to 1.42 meter, further, it is also clarified that revenue unit Karma is the smallest unit and further it cannot be divided into any smallest unit and further it cannot be divided into any smallest form without settlement. Process of land settlement is very long and time consuming which is not yet initiated. In this regard, User Agency has submitted an undertaking that the forest land diverted shall be taken over for 15 meter width of ROW and rest of land shall not be occupied/ used by the user agency, and can be considered as forest land without any right of User Agency. However, the User Agency has already submitted an undertaking to pay the full amount of CA levies and NPV for proposed forest land i.e. 8.0678 ha.
- 3. The confirmation of Sai Kothi, Devi Kothi and Hail HEPs authority has submitted that the study carried out for these projects has been submitted to GoI, MoEF. All these projects are in-principal approved and are in processing for Stage-II approval. Still no any construction activities are initiated.
- 4. The non-forest area proposed in the proposal has also been shown in the KML file uploaded on the portal. So, cause the area of KML is becoming 9.329 ha. Revised KML file has also been uploaded on the portal.
- 5. A land scape Map showing the entire proposal approved/existing /proposed in the river basin has been shown in the Map.
- 6. The comments on this point is still awaited from CWLW. As and when is received, same will be provided to your office.
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- 8. The certificate clarifying this point issued by DFO Churah uploaded on the portal.
- 9. It is submitted that in view of guidelines Para 9.2 of the FCA handbook, this project does not attract the provisions of CAT Plan please. Further, it is also submitted as yet no any fund received and utilized as implementation of Comprehensive CAT Plan for Ravi River Basin.
- 10. NPV bill as per the GoI, MoEF guidelines dated 06.01.2022 has been prepared. The copy of same has also been uploaded on the portal. The revised Cost Benefit Analysis also been uploaded on the portal.
- 11. It is submitted that no any area proposed for diversion is coming under any water body. The necessary documents like SoI Toposheet, Geo Reference Land use map and KML file of area proposed for diversion has already been provided. This might be due to shifting of KML while visualizing in the Google earth.

Yours faithfully,

Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA) O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF), H.P. 3285

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Dated Shimla-1, the 33 42

09/12/2022

From:

Pr. CCF Wildlife and CWLW, HP Shimla.

To:

Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA)

O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF) Shimla.

Subject:

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Memo.

Kindly refer to your office memo No.Ft.48-3785/2018 (FCA) dated 16.06.2022 on the subject cited above.

In this regard, it is submitted that the matter has again re-verified through CCF WL Dharamshala and on the basis of her report the comments of undersigned are as under:-

- 1. That all the components of the proposed SHEP are out of the area of Gamgul-Siyabehi Wildlife Sanctuary and most of the components fall inside the ESZ of the Gamgul Siyabehi WLS.
- 2. That approximate aerial distance of weir site and power house from the above WLS is 370 meter and 843 meter respectively.
- 3. That the proposed underground tunnel which is to be connected weir site and power house having a distance of 427 meter from the nearest boundary of Gamgul Siyabehi WLS and approximate distance of the proposed 33 KV transmission line is 355 meter from the said WLS.
- 4. CCF (WL) Dharamshala further stated that the proposed SHEP will not cause any negative impact on flora and fauna of the said WLS and there is no requirement of animal passage plan in that area.

This is for favour of information and further necessary action at your end please.

CWLW, HP