

No.Ft.48-4019/2019 (FCA),
H.P. Forest Department.

From: Nodal Officer-cum-Addl.Pr.CCF (FCA)
O/o Pr.CCF, HP Shimla-1.

To: The Assistant Inspector General of Forests
Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
(Forest Conservation Division),
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi: 110003.

Dated Shimla-1, the 7 6 JUN 2023

Subject: **Diversion of 7.3722 hectare 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, Himachal Pradesh (OnlineProposal No. FP/HP/HYD/40611/2019).**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No. 8-78/2010-FC dated 19.05.2023 on the subject cited above.

2. The pointwise reply to the observation as raised by the Govt. of India vide above referred letter is submitted as below:-

Sr. No.	Observations	Reply
1	The KML files of the dumping site as sought on 29.03.2023 has been provided, however the details including the KML file of the project area affected by flood and that due to the restriction imposed by army authorities has not been provided. The same shall be submitted.	The CCF Rampur has intimated that the User Agency has submitted the KML files of the dumping site (DS-1) affected by the flood could not be utilized by the project proponent & dumping site (DS-3) where restriction were imposed by the Army Authorities, were partially utilize as per the permission granted by Army Authorities but now once again restrained/restricted the dumping activities on DS-3. Copy of the Restriction imposed by Army authorities is being provided and the KML shaped file of these sites has been uploaded on the web portal in part-I.
2	In compliance to observation of this Ministry vide point (iii) of letter dated 29.03.2023, the status of implementation of the CAT plan has not been provided by the State Government.	The CCF Rampur has submitted the utilization /implementation of CAT Plan as Rs. 41, 06,94,500 against Rs. 60,40,00,000 deposited for the CAT plan of Shongtong Karchham HEP. Copy of the details of physical and financial progress of CAT plan has been uploaded on the web portal in part-II.
3	The State Govt. may confirm that all the conditions stipulated in the Stage-II approval dated	The CCF Rampur has submitted that all the conditions stipulated in stage-II approval dated 14.11.2012 and Environment Clearance (EC)

	14.11.2012 for diversion of 63.5015 ha. of forest land for construction of 402 MW Shongtong Karchham Hydro Electric Project under FCA, 1980 and Environment Clearance dated 19.05.2011 have been complied.	dated 19.05.2011 are being complied in all respects. The committee constituted by IRO, MoEF&CC Shimla has visited the project site on dated 19.05.2023 to 21.05.2023. Copy of the implementation of compliance condition of EC and FC has been uploaded on web portal.
4	The shape file/KML files for diverted forest area i.e.63.5015 showing various components have been submitted in line feature instead of polygon. Therefore, the correct KML file of 63.5015 ha. in polygon format shall be submitted.	KML files for diverted forest area i.e. 63.5015 ha in polygon format in CD shape is enclosed herewith.
5	KML file of approved forest area (63.5015 ha.) and approved components therein i.e. HRT and Adit-2 is found overlapping with the CA site namely C-170 approved in this project. Therefore, the accuracy of the KML file of said CA site needs to be verified.	User Agency has submitted the KML file of approved forest land (area 63.5015 ha.) in which the component of HRT are underground i.e. notional (Benith the surface of the proposed CA site No. 170). Hence, in KML file it appears as over lapping with the CA site of C-170. But in actual C-170 is the surface diversion whereas the component of HRT are underground benith /below the surface of CA site which is duly verified by the project proponent.

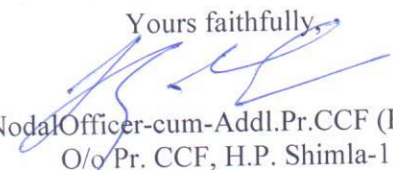
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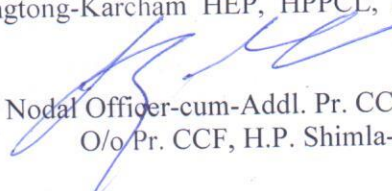
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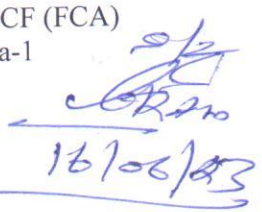
1. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, CGO Complex, Shivalik Khad, Longwood, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh-171001.
2. CCF Rampur.
3. DFO Kinnaur
4. Dy. General Manager (E& RR), Shongtong-Karcham HEP, HPPCL, Reckong Peo, Distt. Kinnaur, H.P.

Yours faithfully,


Nodal Officer-cum-Addl. Pr. CCF (FCA)
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Dated Shimla-1, the 6 JUN 2023


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16/06/23