

No. FCA-I/Kinnaur / 206
H.P. Forest Department

Dated Rampur, the / 17/09/23

From: - CCF. Rampur.

To : Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF(FCA)
O/o Pr. CCF(HoFF) H.P. Shimla-1.

Subject: - Diversion of 7.3722 hac of Forest land in favour of Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd. for the Shongtong -Karchham HEP 450 MW due to enhancement in the existing capacity of HEP 402 to 450 MW and due to change in the river course during flood and usage of already diverted dumping site used by BRO , within the jurisdiction of Kinnaur Forest Division Distt Kinnaur H.P. (Online No. FP/HP/HYD/40611/2019).

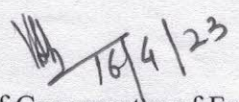
Memo: Kindly refer to online GoI office letter No. Ft. 8-78/2010-FC dated 29.03.2023 on the subject cited above.

2. In this context, reply to the observations as raised vide letter under reference is submitted 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.	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that 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 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 is enclosed 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.	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that 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.	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that 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 has been uploaded in online web portal Part-I.
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 construction of 402 MW Shongtong Karchham Hydro Electric Project under FCA, 1980 and Environment Clearance dated 19.05.2011 shall be furnished.	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that the compliance to stipulated condition of Stage-II, (Final FC & Environment Clearance) accorded by MoEF&CC is being regularly reported to MOEF&CC sixth monthly basis by project proponent. Last Monitoring Report of December, 2022 along with the compliance status dated 31.03.2023 has been uploaded in online web portal .
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.	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that 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 annexed in CD form.
6.	The status of implementation of the R&R plan in case of instant project shall also be submitted.	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that the status of Implementation of R&R Plan as on 31.03.2023, in case of Shongtong Karchham HEP has been uploaded on web portal.
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 .	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that 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 to this effect issued by DFO Wildlife Sarahan, Notification of MoEF&CC has been uploaded in online web portal.
8.	Legible copy of Survey of India (SoI) Toposheet map showing proposed diversion may be uploaded on PARIVESH.	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that the legible copy of Survey of India (SoI) TOPO sheet has been uploaded on the web portal.

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


 Chief Conservator of Forests.
 Rampur Bsr, H.P.