

No. / 143
H.P. Forest Department.

Dated Bharmour, the/ 16/4/2026

From: - D.C.F.Bharmour.

To: - C.F. (T) Chamba.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Sai Eternal Foundation (formerly known as Sai Engineering Foundation), Sai Bhawan, Sector-4, New Shimla-171009 (H.P.) for non-forestry use of 13.3082 hectares of forest land for the construction of Tundah-II Hydro Electric Project (24 MW) within the jurisdiction of Bharmour Forest Division, District Chamba in the State of Himachal Pradesh.
Online Proposal No: FP/HP/HYD/49283/2020.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No. D-V-18/Gen. 84 dated 02.04.2026 on the subject cited above.

In this regards, it is submitted that all the observations/shortcomings have been duly attended point-wise reply is furnished as under:-

S. No.	Observation	Reply
1.	The DFO Chamba Wildlife Division has mentioned in his certificate that the area proposed for diversion is 789 meters, whereas as per DSS report, the proposed forest area for diversion is located inside Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary. Since the area proposed for diversion is inside Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary, copy of SBWL/NBWL approval obtained, if any may be submitted by the State Government.	User Agency has submitted that as per clarification furnished by the DFO (Wildlife), Chamba and PCCF (Wildlife), the proposed diversion area lies outside the notified boundary of Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary, with the nearest component at a distance of 789 meters. Accordingly, SBWL/NBWL approval is not required in the present case. As per direction received from CF Chamba vide letter No. D-V-18/Gen.84 dated 02.04.2026. field report regarding distance from Tundah Wild Life Sanctuary is attached herewith . As per report distance is 760.75 Meter (Photocopy Enclosed)
2.	In component-wise break up, an area of 4.2877 hectares has been proposed for 15 muck dumping sites. Justification for proposing 15 muck dumping sites needs to be submitted by the State Government. Possibility of reducing the area to the barest minimum may be explored by the State Government and revised area, if any, may be intimated to the Ministry.	User Agency has submitted that the requirement of land has been examined in detail, and as confirmed by the Directorate of Energy, all viable alternatives have been explored. The proposed area, including 4.2877 hectares for muck disposal, is essential considering terrain constraints and cannot be reduced further without affecting project implementation. The relevant document has been uploaded in Part-I under Additional Documents at Sr. No. 44.
3.	In component-wise break up, an area of 3.2102 hectares has been proposed for roads within are above FRL. State Government may inform	User Agency has submitted that as per clarification furnished by the Directorate of Energy, the proposed area of 3.2102 hectares is the barest minimum required for approach roads

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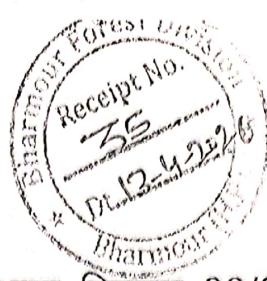
	whether the area sought for the same is barest minimum. Possibility of reducing the area to the barest minimum may be explored by the State Government and revised area, if any, may be intimated to the Ministry.	and is in conformity with the approved DPR. Any further reduction is not technically feasible without affecting project implementation. The relevant document has been uploaded in Part-I under Additional Documents at Sr. No. 45.
4.	The instant proposal falls under Not-in High Conservation Value (HCV) Zone Value as per Decision Rule 2. However, as per Decision Rule 1 proposed area falls in High Conservation Value Zone (as the proposed project is located in Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary). Comments from State Government in this regard needs to be submitted.	<p>The User Agency has submitted that, as per clarification furnished by the DFO (Wildlife), Chamba, the proposed diversion area lies outside the notified boundary of Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary and is not likely to adversely impact its flora and fauna. Accordingly, the proposal does not fall under the High Conservation Value (HCV) Zone. The relevant document has been uploaded in Part-I under Additional Documents at Sr. No. 46.</p> <p>It is further reported by the Range Forest Officer, Bharmour that during the joint inspection conducted on 09.04.2026 with the Beat Guard, Sirdi and Block Officer, Sandi, the distance of the Tundah-II Hydroelectric Project (24 MW) component from the boundary of Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary was measured and found to be approximately 760.75 meters (Photocopy Enclosed). The relevant document has been uploaded in Part-II under Additional Documents.</p>
5.	Copy of approved CAT Plan is not submitted alongwith the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.	User Agency has submitted that the Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan, amounting to ₹3.25 Crores, has been duly approved by the competent authority i.e., PCCF (HoFF), Himachal Pradesh. The approved CAT Plan along with sanction order has been uploaded on the portal for kind reference and consideration. The relevant document has been uploaded in Part-I under Additional Documents at Sr. No. 47 & Part-I Sr. No. M, (ii),(b)
6.	3 alternative alignments have been explored by the User Agency for execution of the project, however, KML files are not submitted along with the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.	User Agency has submitted that explored three alternative alignments for the project. The required KML files are being compiled and will be submitted on the online portal at the earliest for kind consideration. The relevant document has been uploaded in Part-I under Additional Documents at Sr. No. C (<u>Maps of forest land proposed to be diverted</u>).
7.	State Government is requested to intimate the status of approval of State Dam Safety Authority (SDSA) and National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) for the Tundah-II HEP. Other approvals received pertaining	It is submitted that, as per clarification furnished by the Directorate of Energy, Government of Himachal Pradesh, the Tundah-II HEP is a run-of-river scheme with a small-capacity barrage. Accordingly, approval from SDSA/NDSA is not applicable in the present

	to Dam safety may kindly be intimated.	case. The relevant document has been uploaded on the portal for kind reference and consideration. The relevant document has been uploaded in Part-I under Additional Documents at Sr. No. 48.
8.	<p>As per DSS report, Compensatory Afforestation has been proposed over 26.62 ha degraded forest land, out of which, 1 ha is classified as very dense forest (Compartment/Survey No. 52D/16, Area Mangarh-III, Block/Beat-Rujag/Tiun, Tehsil Kullu, Distt. Kullu, Division-Kullu.</p> <p>1 ha moderately dense forest land (Compartment/Survey No. 52H/4, Area-Dugilag-III, Block/Beat-Rujag/ Shalang, Tehsil- Kullu, Distt. Kullu, Division-Kullu). In this regard it is to inform that as per Rule 13 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 alternate CA sites along with CA details viz. Site Suitability Certificate, site specific CA scheme, KML file and DGPS maps needs to be submitted by the State Government.</p>	<p>It is submitted that the matter has been duly examined by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kullu.</p> <p>In this regard, the DFO, Kullu, has issued <u>certificate dated 04.06.2025 clarifying the status of the said patches and confirming the suitability of the identified CA land in accordance with the applicable provisions.</u> Accordingly, identification of alternate CA sites is not required. The said certificate has been uploaded on the online portal for kind reference and consideration.</p> <p>The remaining part of this observation pertains to your esteemed office. The <u>requisite Compensatory Afforestation (CA) details, namely the latest Site Suitability Certificate, revised site-specific CA Scheme, and DGPS maps, as communicated by the DFO, Kullu, may kindly be uploaded.</u> Needful has been done by this office on the PARIVESH Portal 1.0. and the relevant document has been uploaded in appropriate column in Part-II.</p>
9.	Legal status of proposed diversion land and CA site cannot be verified due to unavailability of RF/PF boundary for the State of Himachal Pradesh on DSS. State Government is requested to submit KML file of concerned Protected Forest pertaining to area proposed for diversion and concerned degraded forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation.	Further, for verification of the RF/PF boundary of the proposed CA land, the KML file of the boundary has been forwarded to your good office. And the same has also been forwarded through the designated mail on dated 27.03.2026 uploaded as on additional document in Part-II.

In view of the above, the compliance report is hereby submitted for your kind consideration and recommended for further necessary action.



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 Bharmour Forest Division,
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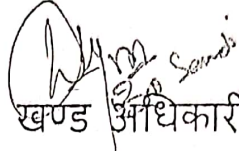
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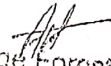
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रिपोर्ट की जाती है कि आज दिनांक 09/04/2026 बीट गार्ड सिरडी व वन खण्ड अधिकारी सान्दी द्वारा संयुक्त मौका निरीक्षण करने पर तुन्दाह ॥ हाईड्रो इलेक्ट्रिक प्रोजेक्ट 24(mw) के Component की तुन्दाह वन्य जीव अभ्यारण्य से हवाई दूरी (Aerial Distance) लगभग 760.75 मीटर है अत रिपोर्ट आगामी कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित है ।


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