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No. D-V-18/Gen. 185

Dated Chamba, the 17/04/2026

From:- Conservator of Forests
Chamba Forest Circle, Chamba

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

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 forestland 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 (Proposal No: FP/HP/HYD/49283/2020)- regarding.

Memo:

Kindly refer to Govt. of India MoEF & CC (Forest Conservation Division) New Delhi, office letter dated 10-03-2025 on the subject cited above.

The observation as raised vide letter under reference have been attended by DCF Bharmour and User Agency as under:-

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.	DFO Bharmour has submitted that as per clarification furnished by the DFO (Wildlife), Chamba the proposed diversion 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. He is further submitted that as per field report the aerial distance form component of Hydro electric project to Tundah Wildlifer sanctuary is approximately 760.75 meter. (Copy 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	User agency has submitted that The requirement of land has been examined in detail and as confirmed by the Director of Engery, all viable alternatives have been explored. The proposed area, including 4.2877 hectare for muck disposal is essential considering terrain constraints and



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	<p>the barest minimum may be explored by the State Government and revised area, if any, may be intimated to the Ministry.</p>	<p>cannot be reduced further without affecting project implementation. The relevant document has been uploaded in Part –I in additional information at Sr. No. 44.</p>
3.	<p>In component-wise break up, an area of 3.2102 hectares has been proposed for roads within are above FRL. State Government may inform 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.</p>	<p>User agency has submitted that as per clarification furnished by the Directorate of Energy, Government of Himachal Pradesh, the proposed area of 3.2102 hectares is the barest minimum required for approach roads and is in conformity with the approved DPR. Any further reduction is not technically feasible without affecting project implementation.</p> <p>The relevant document has been uploaded in Part –I in additional information at Sr. No. 45.</p>
4.	<p>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>	<p>In reply to this observation user agency has submitted that as per clarification furnished by Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife), Chamba, the proposed diversion area lies outside the notified boundary of Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary and is not likely to adversely affect 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 in additional information at Sr. No. 46.</p> <p>Further DFO Bharmour has submitted that as per the report of Rnage Forest Officer, the aerial distance form component of Hydro electric project to Tundah Wildlifer sanctuary is approximately 760.75 meter. (Copy enclosed).</p>
5.	<p>Copy of approved CAT Plan is not submitted alongwith the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.</p>	<p>The 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. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (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</p>



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		under additional information at Sr.No.47 & 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 the KML files of the alternative alignments have been uploaded on the PARIVESH portal part-I against the column no. C
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 to Dam safety may kindly be intimated.	In reply to this observation user agency has submitted that the Directorate of Energy, Government of Himachal Pradesh has clarified that Tundah-II HEP is a run-of-river scheme with a small-capacity barrage .Accordingly approval from the State Dam Safety Authority (SDSA) and National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) is not applicable in the present case. The relevant document has been uploaded in Part -I in additional information at Sr. No. 48.
8.	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. 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.	In reply to this observation user agency has submitted that DFO Kullu has issued 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. Accordingly, identification of alternate CA sites is not required. The said certificate has been uploaded on the online portal for kind Further DFO Bharmour has submitted that CA sites along with CA details viz. Site Suitability Certificate, site specific CA scheme, KML file and DGPS maps has been uploaded in appropriate column in Part-II.



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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.	In reply to this observation DCF Bharmour has submitted that the KML file of concerned Protected Forest pertaining to area proposed for diversion and concerned degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation has sent separately to your office through Email please.
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This is submitted for favour of your information and further necessary action please.


Conservator of Forests
Chamba Forest Circle, Chamba.

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श्री मान जी,

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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No 668/Bhr Dated 09/04/2026

Forwarded to DCF Bharmour
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