

No.Ft.48-3637/2017(FCA),  
H.P. Forest Department.

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

To: The Dy. Director General of Forests (Central),  
Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
Regional Office, (North-Central -Zone) 25, Subhash Road,  
Dehradun-248001(Uttarakhand)

Dated Shimla-1, the

17 FEB 2021

Subject: **Diversion of 11.9813 hectare of forest land in favour of HPSEB Ltd., for the construction of Sai Kothi-II Hydel Electric Project (16.5 MW) within the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division, Distt. Chamba, Himachal Pradesh.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter No. 8B/HP/01/129/2019/FC/113 dated 29.12.2020 on the subject cited above.

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

1. The details with regard to points as raised is submitted as below:-
  - a. It is, submitted that comprehensive CAT Plan for Ravi basin has been formulated and approved during year 2015, since the Churah Forest Division has not received fund for its execution/treatment. The implementation status of CAT Plan may kindly be considered as nil.
  - b. Maps indicating the catchment area of the extant project vis-à-vis area of comprehensive CAT plan are enclosed herewith.
  - c. As per HP Govt. notification dated 21.11.2019, the outlay 1.5 % of the total project cost shall be applicable for all HEP above 10 MW in HP. Justification report in this regard is also enclosed herewith.
2. The user agency has submitted that implementing agency for both projects as well as Transmission Line is same and a part of HPSEBL both agencies functioning separately. Civil Wing of HPSEBL will construct the project whereas Transmission line Wing (Electrical System) will evacuate the power from Pot-Head-Yard to the transmission line. As Transmission Wing has to arrange to evacuate the power from HPSEBL projects constructed or to be constructed in future in the nearby area by other agencies (Private as well as government agencies) which may get LILO into the proposed evacuation line before the construction of this project or in future. Therefore, it is, not fixed to construct a project specific dedicated transmission line for power evacuation.

However, to evacuate power from Sai Koti HEP, three number 132 KV LILO towers are proposed to be erected on private land and the premises of Sai-Kothi-II HEP switch yard. The power will be transferred to Tower No. 28 of existing 132 Double Circuit Kurthala-Bathari Line. All the towers are proposed on private land or on proposed land of Sai-Kothi-II HEP Switch Yard. Therefore, diversion of forest land for Transmission line for Sai Kothi-II HEP is not required.

3. Cost benefit Analysis duly certified by the DFO Churah is enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Encls: As above.

Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA)

O/o Pr.CCF, H.P, Shimla-1.

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Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

- 1 CCF.Chamba w.r.t his office Memo. No. 8756 dated 02.02.2021
- 2 DFO Churah.
- 3 Sr. Executive Engineer, Hydel Investigation Division, Chamba, Distt. Mandi, Himachal Pradesh.

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