

Mandi Forest Circle, Mandi
Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh

From: CF (T) Mandi.

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

Subject : **Diversion of 3.6693 Ha of forest land in favour of M/s CLIFF FINVEST PVT. LTD. for the construction of 5 MW Thaltukhod-II HEP, within the jurisdiction of Joginder Nagar Forest Division, Distt. Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/43637/2019).**

Memorandum:

Kindly refer to EDS raised online of **proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/43637/2019 dated 02.09.2025** on the subject cited above.

The point wise reply of the observations raised vide above referred communication have attended to by DFO J/Nagar & User Agency, submitted as under:-

Sr. No.	Observations	Reply
1.	Considering Thaltu I, II, III there seems to be a clear intention of obviating the provisions of CAT plan. If all four projects are in the same catchment, why should there not be a CAT plan.	In this regard, it is submitted that only two projects, namely Thaltukhod-1 Stage-1 and Thaltukhod-II, are being processed in Joginder Nagar Forest Division. With respect to the CAT Plan, the project proponent has clarified that during the feasibility study for SHP projects on Thaltu Khorth Nallah, it was found that designing a single project with a weir at elevation 1972 m (Stage-I) and a powerhouse at elevation 1576.50 m (Stage-II), resulting in a combined capacity of 10 MW, would require the water conductor system to pass through the inhabited stretches of Graman and Khariyan villages. Strong resistance was anticipated from the local population. Therefore, the user agency planned two separate projects of 5 MW each, namely: (i) Thaltukhod Stage-I (weir at El 1972 m and powerhouse at El 1768 m), and (ii) Thaltukhod-II (weir at El 1725.50 m and powerhouse at El 1576.50 m), thereby avoiding the habitation of Graman and Khariyan villages. This justification was also explained to the Department of Energy officials during their site visit at the time of issuance of TEC.

It is, therefore, requested that keeping in view of above facts necessary approval of the proposal under FCA, 1980 may kindly be obtained and conveyed to this office please.

Conservator of Forests (T),
Mandi Forests Circle, Mandi HP.