

No. D-V-580/G/ 9702
H.P. Forest Department

Dated Chamba, the 18/03/2023

From: - C.C.F. Chamba

To: - Nodal Officer-cum-AP CCF (FCA)
O/o Pr. CCF HP Shimla.

Subject: - Diversion of 3.7904 ha forest land for the construction of 400KV D/C Transmission Line from Tower No. 8 of Lahal Rajera Line to Pothead Yard of Kurther HEP in favor of JSW Energy (Kuther) Limited, Village Machhater, PO Chanhouta, Tehsil Bharmour, Distt. Chamba HP within the jurisdiction of Bharmour Forest Division Bharmour. in favour of Senior Manager HPPTCL Lahal Bharmour, Tehsil Bharmour. Proposal No. FP/HP/Trans/130156/2021.

Memo:

Kindly refer to Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (FC), GoI, MoEF &CC, New Delhi dated 02.03.2023 on the proposal cited above.

2 In this connection, it is submitted that reply to the points as desired by the ~~FC~~ ^{FAC} is furnished as under as per the submission of the DFO Bharmour :-

(i) **State Government shall give reasons and justifications for not using the land transferred to HPPTCL for transmission/evacuation of power in the instant case.**

Reply: Justification from Himachal Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Limited vide letter no. HPPTCL/Projects/F-86/Forest/2023-19234-35 dated 14.03.2023 for not using the land transferred to HPPTCL for transmission/evacuation of power in the instant case is enclosed herewith also been uploaded on the portal against additional information by the User Agency.

(ii) **Action taken against the failure of the compensatory Afforestation plantations raised in lieu of earlier diversion and non-compliance of the condition for carrying out cumulative study by the State Govt. on behest of all the project proponents on Ravi River.**

Reply: It is submitted that total 147 Hac. of the area in 16 patches have been closed for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation (CA) against the diverted forest land for the construction of Kutehr Hydroelectric Project (240 MW). These sites have also been uploaded on E-Green Watch Portal, the detail as follows

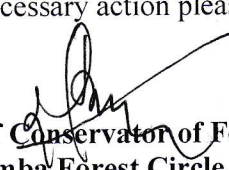
Sr. No.	Range	Block	Beat	Name of Area	Name of Forest where CA done	Area (Ha.)	Present Status/Remarks
1	Swai	Runukothi	Runukothi	Khanog	Khanog DPF	10	Good condition
2	Swai	Runukothi	Runukothi	Manglun	Gud DPF	10	Good condition
3	Swai	Runukothi	Aura	Thatapani	Thalla DPF	11	Good condition

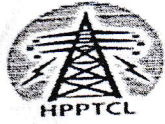
4	Trehta	Barabanchho	Nayagran	Nayagran	Suwani RF	10	Good condition
5	Trehta	Lamu	Chanhail	Chanhail	Chanhail DPF	10	High intensity of sunlight, rocky topography/scarcity of soil, less rainfall creates dry condition, resulting, survival is poor & moderate growth rate.
6	Trehta	Holi	Deol	Andurin	Andurin DPF	10	Good condition
7	Trehta	Holi	Deol	Bantoo	Nehra DPF	10	Good condition
8	Swai	Runukothi	Runukothi	Gudeth	Masuri DPF	10	Good condition
9	Swai	Runukothi	Aura	Thalla	Thalla DPF	10	Good condition
10	Swai	Runukothi	Runukothi	Jagat	Runukothi DPF	10	Good condition
11	Swai	Garola	Swai	Jura	Jura DPF	10	Good condition
12	Bharmour	Bharmour	Arki	Khani Phat Part-I	Arki DPF-I	5	The site has burnt (2-3 times)
13	Bharmour	Sandi	Pranghalla	Pranghalla	Pranghalla DPF	10	Good condition
14	Bharmour	Bharmour	Lahal	Banani	Lahal DPF	10	Rocky topography /scarcity of soil & grazing affects the growth of plants
15	Bharmour	Bharmour	Ghararu	Dadma	Dadma DPF	10	Grazing affects the growth of plants
16	Bharmour	Bharmour	Bharmour	Patti Part-II	Falsa DPF	1	Good condition
Total						147	

Out of 16 patches, the survival is low in four (4) patches, the reason of which is given above. DFO has also submitted that now to improve these patches maintenance has been carried out and the protection from the fire and grazing is being ensured.

As far as cumulative study is concerned, the matter has been taken up with higher ups as well as your office. The copy of latest letter No. D-V-18/G 9066 dated 27.02.2023 addressed to your office is enclosed herewith.

This is submitted for favour of information and further necessary action please.


Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chamba Forest Circle, Chamba.



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No: HPPTCL/Projects/F-86/Forest/2023-19234-35

Dated: 14/03/23

To

✓ M/s JSW Energy (Kutehr) Limited
Kutehr HEP, 240 MW
Village-Machhettar, PO- Chanhouta
Tehsil-Bharmaour, District-Chamba

Kind- Mr. Rajinder Kumar

Attn.

Sub: Diversion of 3.7904 ha of forest land for construction of LILO from 400KV double circuit transmission line Lahal to Rajera at Tower No. 8 to Pot Head Yard for evacuation of power of Kutehr HEP (240MW) in District Chamba, Himachal Pradesh.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter dated 07th March 2023 on the subject cited matter above vide which Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has sought the reasons and justifications for not using the 3.1715 Ha of land which was already transferred to HPPTCL for evacuation of power as under:

“State Government shall give reasons and justifications for not using the land transferred to HPPTCL for transmission/evacuation of power in the instant case.”


In this connection, it is intimated that 3.1715 Ha land was transferred to HPPTCL for construction of 220kV line being a transmission licensee in the state from the already approved/diverted 61.4083 Ha of forest land for Kutehr HEP.

In the view of the above, it is informed that as per the earlier evacuation plan it was proposed to construct the 220kV line for the evacuation of power from Kutehr HEP for which connectivity was accorded by the HPPTCL vide letter dated 07th May 2012. However, M/s JSW neither signed the connection agreement nor applied for Long Term Open Access to HPPTCL for the above said line. During this period, HPPTCL had received the Long-Term Open Access



applications from Bajoli Holi HEP (180MW) and other small IPPs with aggregate capacity of 51 MW for above cited 220kV transmission line and now this said line cannot evacuate further power from Kutehr HEP (240 MW)

In the revised transmission plan, it is proposed to evacuate power from Kutehr HEP (240MW) at 400 kV level by LILO of one circuit of 400kV Lahal-Rajera D/C line (now commissioned). This arrangement shall help to evacuate the whole power from future upcoming projects without any constraints and will also minimize the RoW requirements.


General Manager (C&D)
HPPTCL, Panjari,
Shimla-05.

Copy to:

1. P.S to the Director (Projects), HPPTCL, Himfed Bhawan Shimla-05.

General Manager (C&D)
HPPTCL, Panjari,
Shimla-05.



No. D-V-18/G/ 9666
H.P. Forest Department

Dated Chamba, the 27-02-2023

From: Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chamba Forest Circle, Chamba (HP)

To: Nodal Officer (FCA) HP
O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF), Shimla

Subject: - **Proposal for diversion of 58.2368 [61.4083-3.1715 (transferred to HPPTCL) = 58.2638] hectare of forest land in favour of M/s JSW Energy Ltd for the construction of 240 MW Kuther Hydro Electric Project within the jurisdiction of Bharmour Forest Division Chamba, Himachal Pradesh-regarding change in the name of one user agency to another user agency i.e. M/s JSW Energy Limited to M/s JSW Energy (Kuther) Limited.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to Govt. of India, MOEF, (Forest Conservation Division) New Delhi letter No. 37894/2023 dated 27.01.2023 and your office Endst. No. Ft. 48-2084/2010(FCA) dated 10.02.2023 on the subject cited above.

In this connection, it is submitted that the matter regarding the Carrying Capacity and Cumulative Impact Studies (CC& CIA) for Ravi river was taken up with the Director, Directorate of Energy, Govt of Himachal Pradesh, and in reply to this matter they informed that all the records related to river basin CC & CIA studies in Himachal Pradesh as on as is where is basis had been handed over to MoEF, New Delhi in pursuance to his vide his office letter No. HPDOE/CE(Energy)/Satluj Basin/2015-3888-96 dated 29.07.2015 by deputing special person. (*Copy Enclosed*) In pursuance to his D.O. letter No. J-11013/1/2013-IA-I dated 05.02.2015.

From the correspondence and submission of the Director, Directorate of Energy Govt. of HP, it is clear that the study regarding CC & CIA shall be conducted by Ministry of Environment & Forest, GoI, Delhi.

Thereafter, this office had apprised in detailed to the Joint Secretary, Govt. of India, MOEF & CC, New Delhi vide this office letter No. 7095 dated 26.11.2022 (*Copy Enclosed*) regarding the facts for conducting the such study with request to issue the necessary guidelines/direction in this matter and copy thereof was endorsed to Regional Officer IRO Shimla, Pr. Secretary Forests GoHP, Pr. Secretary MPP& Powers Govt. of HP, Pr. CCF (HoFF) HP, your office and all concerned DFOs/user agencies. Even, this office is writing regularly to higher ups/Govt. as well as to your office for issuing the necessary directions/guidelines in this matter, But, till yet neither any response from the Joint Secretary, Govt. of India, MOEF & CC, New Delhi nor from the other higher ups is received in this matter.

Further, it is also apprised that in compliance to the stipulations being imposed in various hydel projects this office has held up four number of following Hydro Electric Projects FCA cases due to non-availability of the cumulative study. As in absence of necessary guidelines/directions from the higher ups, this office is unable to process/recommend following FCA proposals: -

1. **Ghator Top SHEP 4.98 MW. (U.A.:- Chamba Hydro Venture, Hotel Alps, PO & Tehsil Sarol, District Chamba -176304.**
2. **Jai Bani Mata HEP (24MW) (U.A.:- Jai Banni Mata SHEP, House No. 80, Sectot-7, Panchkulla (Haryana)-134009.**
3. **Jai Kartikay HEP (2.5MW) (U.A.:- Jai Kartikey SHEP, House No. 967, Sectot-12A, Panchkulla (Haryana)-134009.**
4. **Rudraveer SHEP (5MW) (U.A.:- Rudraveer Hydro Generation Pvt. Ltd. Mohalla Sapri, Chamba, District Chamba (HP) -176310.**

Now, this office is in such a position, where neither this office can conduct the such study nor recommend the proposal of Small Hydroelectric Projects for further processing under FCA. But the concerned User Agencies are visiting this office whose cases are on hold/pending in this office due to non-availability such study.

Therefore, your self is once again requested to kindly apprise to the Pr. CCF (HoFF), HP, Pr. Secretary Forests, GoI, HP and to the Asstt. Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MOEF, FC Division, New Delhi with request to issue the necessary guidelines/directions in this matter so that the compliance to Point No. 5 of the approval letter dated 11.01.2013 read with letter dated 19.02.2013 be ensured and action accordingly the in the above proposals could be taken.

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Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chamba Forest Circle, Chamba

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Copy to the following for information and necessary action please: -

1. Regional Officer, GoI, MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Shimla, Longwood, Shimla for information and any latest direction/guidelines in this behalf. This is in reference to the stipulation No. of GoI, MoEF vide his letter dated 11.01.2013 and 19.02.2013 for "diversion of 61.4083 hectare of forest land in favour of M/s JSW Energy Ltd. for the construction of 240MW Kuther Hydro Electric Project within the jurisdiction of Bharmour Forest Division Chamba, Himachal Pradesh and this office endorsement No. 5940-53 dated 18.10.2022.
2. Pr. Secretary, Forest, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002 for information, necessary action and any necessary direction please.
3. Pr. CCF (HoFF), HP, Shimla for information and necessary action
4. DFO Bharmour for information and necessary action please.
5. The General manager, Energy (Kuther) Ltd. Kuther HEP (240 MW) Village Machhettar, PO Chanhkounta, Tehsil Bharmour, District Chamba-176309 (HP) for information and necessary action.

(Signature) 22/2
Chief Conservator of Forests,
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