

No.Ft.48-4019/2019 (FCA),  
H.P. Forest Department

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

To: The Regional Officer,  
Integrated Regional Office,  
Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,  
CGO Complex, Shivalik Khad, Longwood, Shimla,  
Himachal Pradesh-171001.

Dated Shimla-1, the

20 APR 2023

Subject: **Diversion of 7.3722 hac of Forest land in favour of Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd. for the Shongtong –Karchham HEP 450 MW due to enhancement in the existing capacity of HEP 402 to 450 MW and due to change in the river course during flood and usage of already diverted dumping site used by BRO , within the jurisdiction of Kinnaur Forest Division Distt Kinnaur H.P. (Online No. FP/HP/HYD/40611/2019).**

Sir,

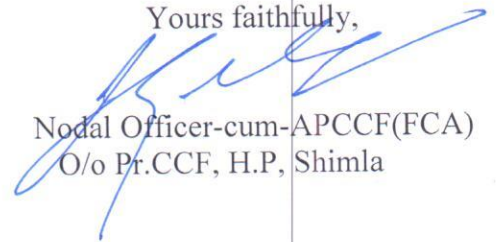
Kindly refer to your office letter No. F.No. 8-78/2010-FC dated 29.03.2022 on the subject cited above.

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

Sr. No.	Observations	Reply
1.	The Part-I of the application form mentions that the forest land is required due to enhancement in the existing capacity of HEP from 402 to 450 MW, due to change in the river course during flood and also usage of already diverted dumping site used by BRO and restriction imposed by the Army Authorities for construction activities within the boundary of 1200 yards. In this regard the details along with the KML files of the project area affected by floods and the already diverted dumping site used by shall be submitted along with the details of relevant approvals.	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that the requirement of additional forest land is due to the enhancement of the capacity of HEP from 402 to 450 MW and also due to change in the river course during flood. The meandering of river and Occurrence of landslides and glaciers is common and natural phenomenon to this area which has been causing damage to already diverted dumping site & removal of debris from land slide & road widening from the NH-05 (which is of importance from Defence point of view) towards valley side where dumping sites were located, by BRO and restriction imposed by the Army Authorities for construction activities within the boundary of 1200 yards. As conveyed by project proponent Hence, additional land is required for approach road to SFT and dumping purpose. The KML file of project area affected by flood and already diverted

7.	As per DSS analysis, Sangla Valley (Raksham Chitkul) Wildlife Sanctuary is located at a distance of 9.78 Km from proposed area of diversion which is less than 10 Km. The status of notification of ESZ around the said protected area shall be submitted. Further, it shall be ascertained that the proposed area of diversion does not fall within the eco-sensitive zone .	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that as per the Draft Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notification New Delhi, the 3rd June, 2016. The components of the project fall outside the Rakchham Chitkul Wildlife Sanctuary and its Eco Sensitive Zone. Copy of the certificate to this effect issued by DFO Wildlife Sarahan, Notification of MoEF&CC has been uploaded in online web portal.
8.	Legible copy of Survey of India (SoI) Toposheet map showing proposed diversion may be uploaded on PARIVESH.	DFO Kinnaur has intimated that the legible copy of Survey of India (SoI) TOPO sheet has been uploaded on the web portal.

Yours faithfully,



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