

No. 7535
H.P. Forest Department.

Dated Reckong Peo, the 20 Feb. 2024.

From: DCF Kinnaur.

To: CCF (T) Rampur.

Subject:- Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Shongtong Karchham HEP, HPPCL under the jurisdiction of Kinnaur Forest Division, Distt. Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh, for non forestry use of 7.3722 ha of forest land as additional forest land requirement in already approved diversion, in the State of Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/40611/2019) regarding.

Memo:

Kindly refer to Assistant Inspector General, Govt. of India, MoEF&CC letter dated 19.02.2024 on the subject cited above.

2. The point wise reply of the observations are furnished as under:-

Sr. No.	Observation	Reply of observation
i)	Stage-II approval for earlier proposal i.e. 63.5015 ha was accorded on 14.12.2012, even after lapse of more than 11 years, CAT plan has not been implemented completely. Time required for implementation of CAT plan completely along with expenditure details for remaining amount needs to be submitted by the State Government.	The areas proposed for implementation of CAT Plan are situated at high altitude and the climate of the region is very harsh and maximum areas is in the proximity of snow bound region. Plantation and other activities can be carried out in very limited period in a year. Due to the reason, the progress of implementation of CAT Plan is bit slowly. The total outlay of earlier approved CAT Plan in respect of Shongtong-Karchham HEP was for Rs.60,44,00,000/- out of which the amount of Rs.58,03,01,573/- stand utilized as on 31.01.2024 (utilization statement enclosed as Annexure-A). The balance amount of the CAT Plan for Rs.2,40,98,427/- has been proposed in the APO for the financial year 2024-25 and the same will be utilized accordingly. Further it is also submitted that the outlay of CAT Plan was increased to Rs.70,19,57,500/- and the differential amount of Rs. 9,75,57,500/- has been deposited by user agency on 12.07.2023 (copy of challan/receipt is enclosed as Annexure-B) . Since the above differential amount has been deposited recently, therefore this amount

		will also be utilized in the subsequent years.																																																																																
	<p>State Govt. has informed that failure of compensatory Afforestation plantation on one patch in question is rocky and near to the habitations. Further, it is also mentioned that the failure of plantation is due to grazing and drought. However, status of other CA patches is not submitted by the State Government. State Government may be requested to submit the progress of the CA of the other patches also.</p>	<p>As intimated by DCF Kinnaur compensatory afforestation was carried out in respect of Shongtong Karchham HEP over 128 ha in the following patches:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S.No.</th> <th>Name of CA area</th> <th>Area in Hac</th> <th>Name of Range</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>UF-Dharwadang</td><td>10</td><td>Kilba</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>UF-wadang</td><td>10</td><td>Kilba</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>C-165-1</td><td>10</td><td>Kilba</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>C-165-2</td><td>10</td><td>Kilba</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>UF-Ralli</td><td>10</td><td>Kalpa</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>C-176</td><td>10</td><td>Kalpa</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>UF-Lan Dhar</td><td>10</td><td>Kilba</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>Kanyalus Dehat</td><td>10</td><td>Kilba</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>C-154</td><td>5</td><td>Kilba</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>C-152</td><td>5</td><td>Kilba</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>C-140</td><td>5</td><td>Kilba</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>C-136</td><td>5</td><td>Kilba</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td>C-157</td><td>5</td><td>Kilba</td></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td>C-165</td><td>5</td><td>Kilba</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>UF-Mebar</td><td>5</td><td>Kilba</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>C-166</td><td>5</td><td>Kilba</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>NC-27</td><td>4</td><td>Kalpa</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>NC-27</td><td>4</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>128</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The detailed progress report along with the survival percentage of CA is attached as Annexure-C. Moreover, some measures will adopted , over one patch in question of CA site, by re-plantation by forestry intervention.</p>	S.No.	Name of CA area	Area in Hac	Name of Range	1	UF-Dharwadang	10	Kilba	2	UF-wadang	10	Kilba	3	C-165-1	10	Kilba	4	C-165-2	10	Kilba	5	UF-Ralli	10	Kalpa	6	C-176	10	Kalpa	7	UF-Lan Dhar	10	Kilba	8	Kanyalus Dehat	10	Kilba	9	C-154	5	Kilba	10	C-152	5	Kilba	11	C-140	5	Kilba	12	C-136	5	Kilba	13	C-157	5	Kilba	14	C-165	5	Kilba	15	UF-Mebar	5	Kilba	16	C-166	5	Kilba	17	NC-27	4	Kalpa	17	NC-27	4			Total	128	
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ii)	<p>There is a violation over an area of 0.5883 ha. as reported by the State Government. However, detailed violation report along with action taken against officers responsible for violation has not been submitted. The same needs to be submitted.</p>	<p>DCF Kinnaur has intimated that after re-demarcation conducted on site as per earlier diversion and it was found that some construction has been executed over 0.5883 ha of forest land beyond the boundary of the diverted area and accordingly construction activities was immediately stopped. Presently no construction activities were allowed on the spot. DFO Kinnaur</p>																																																																																

		has calculated Penal NPV of Rs. 41,21,058/- with 12% interest as penalty from the date of violation . The bill of penal NPV had already been uploaded in the portal at Sr. 6 as additional in Part-II of the present proposal.
	KML of dumping site stated to be enclosed along with the letter in the form of CD is not received in the Ministry. The same needs to be submitted.	The KML of the dumping sites is being provided in CD through special messenger.

This is for your kind information and further recommendation of the case to higher authority please.

DA: As above.

Yours faithfully



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at ReckongPeo.