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H.P Forest Department

Dated, Kullu the 19.07.23

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

Subject: Diversion of 4.016 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Ashapuri Hydro Power Private Limited for the construction of 3.50 MW Hurla Top Small Hydro Electric Power Project under the jurisdiction of Parvati Forest Division.

Memo:

Kindly refer to Integrated regional office letter No. 8B/HP/01/48/2020/FC dated 21.07.2022 on the subject cited above.

The Point wise reply to the shortcomings is furnished as under:-

Sr. No.	EDS	EDS reply
1	KML file/ digital map of the projects under consideration/ under construction/ completed and commissioned in the landscape and their distances from nearest PA/ESZ may be provided.	Digital maps of project under consideration/ completed and commissioned in the same landscape and their distance from nearest protected area/ ESZ has been uploaded online in Part-II as additional information with the file name "digital and toposheet map of projects which are under consideration / completed/ commissioned in same landscape." The KML file of the same has been sent through e-mail to nodalofficerfca@yahoo.com on dated 20/7/2023.
2	Approved capacity of the river/rivulet is required to be submitted.	Approved capacity of the river/ rivulet has been uploaded online in Part-II as additional information with the file name "Approved letter of river capacity".
3	As per DSS analysis the proposed diversion area of the project is 1.82 km and 3.59 km far from Great Himalayan National Park and Kanawar WLS, respectively. Therefore, exact aerial distances of the proposed diversion area from boundary of GHNP and Kanawar	DFO WL Kullu in respect of Kanawar WLS and DFO GHNP in respect of Great Himalayan National Park have intimated the exact aerial distance from the boundary of GHNP and Kanawar WLS. Copy of the same has been uploaded online in Part-II as additional information with file name "Distance form Great Himalayan National Park and distance

	WLS and its notified ESZ may be provided.	<i>from Wild Life Sanctuary</i> ". Notification of Eco Sensitive Zones of Kanawar Wild Life Sanctuary is also uploaded online in Part-II as additional information with file name " <i>Notification of Kanawar Wild life Sanctuary.</i> "
4	As per the Draft ESZ Notification, the extent of the Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area (GHNPCA) varies from 500 meters to 6 Kms around the boundary of GHNPCA. The GHNPCA harbours variety of ecologically important flora and fauna, including threatened categories as well. Therefore, comments of the State Government in view of the activities prohibited or to be regulated within the Eco-Sensitive Zone and their impact on wildlife in ESZ in context of the proposed activity may be provided.	Deputy Conservator of Forests, GHNP Division Shamshi vide his office letter no. 6741 dated 28.01.2023 has reported that land proposed for diversion does not fall within the boundary of Great Himalayan National Park as well as its proposed Eco Sensitive Zones. Hence no need of notification related to ESZ of GHNP. Copy of letter has been uploaded online in Part-II as additional information with file name " <i>Distance form Great Himalayan National Park and Sainj WLS.</i> "
5	As the proposed diversion area falls GHNPCA, therefore the State Government may provide Wildlife Management Plan along with detail cost of its implementation as per recent guidelines of MoEFCC dated 7th June, 2022.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking to pay the amount in respect of Wild Life Management Plan and Soil Moisture Conservation Plan and copy of the undertaking has been uploaded online in Part-II
6	As the proposed diversion area falls in highly mountainous area with steep slope with elevation of more than 2000 m above sea level, thus soil erosion will be inevitable. Therefore, State Govt. may provide Soil Moisture Conservation Plan along	The undertaking regarding payment w.r.t Soil & Moisture Conservation Plan has been uploaded online in Part- II as additional information with file name " <i>Undertaking to pay the cost of wild life management & soil and moisture conservation plan given by user agency</i> ".

	with detail cost of its implementation as per recent guidelines of MoEFCC dated 7th June, 2022.	
7	As per DSS analysis, the proposed land for CA is covering 8 ha area of MDF. Therefore, the State Government may review the proposed CA land. Further, the concerned DFO may certify that the proposed CA land has neither been proposed and nor being used for any other proposal for compensatory afforestation.	In this regard, necessary clarification/certificate has been uploaded online in Part-II with file name " <i>Certificate regarding plantation</i> ".
8	Para 1.5 of Ministry's OM dated 13.05.2022 regarding HEPs of Himachal Pradesh has clearly mentioned that State Government should take appropriate action to resort the universally accepted system of land measurement units instead of 'Karam'. Necessary clarification regarding the same may be provided.	Necessary certificate regarding measurement of land unit has been uploaded online in Part-II as additional information with file name " <i>Clarification regarding Revenue Unit</i> "

This is for favour of your information and further necessary action at your end please.


 Conservator of Forests
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