

No.Ft.48-5321/2021 (FCA)
H.P. Forest Department.

From: Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA)
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To: Assistant Inspector General of Forests,
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Dated Shimla-1, the

21 MAR 2023

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.**

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter 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 FAC is furnished as under as per the submission of the CCF Chamba :-

1. 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.
2. 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:-

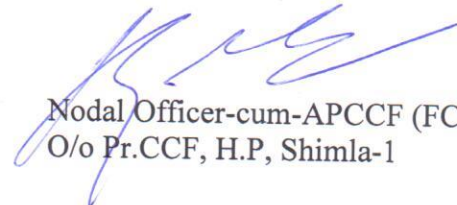
Sr. No.	Range	Block	Beat	Name of Area	Name of Forest where CA done	Area (Ha.)	Present Status/Remarks
1	Swai	Runukothi	Runukothi	Khanog	Khanog DPF	10	Good condition
2	Swai	Runukothi	Runukothi	Manglun	Gud DPF	10	Good condition
3	Swai	Runukothi	Aura	Thatapani	Thalla DPF	11	Good condition
4	Trehta	Barabanchho	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 these 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 for as cumulative study of Ravi river is concerned, it is submitted that in the year 2015, MoEF&CC took decision that henceforth all the CCS & CIA study in all River basin will be conducted by MoEF&CC, GoI itself. Accordingly, all the studies undergoing in the State were handed over to MoEF&CC, GoI.

Yours faithfully,


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

Dated: 14/03/23

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.”

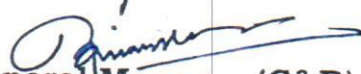
In this connection, it is intimated that 3.1715 Ha land was transferred to HPPTCL for construction of 220kV line being a transmission licensee in the state from the already approved/diverted 61.4083 Ha of forest land for Kutehr HEP.

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.


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