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From No.Ft.48-4019/2011 (FCA)
H.P.Forest Department.

To Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA)
O/o Pr.CCF (HoFF), H.P. Shimla..

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC),
Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
(Forest Conservation Division) Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003.

Dated Shimla-1, the

Subject: Diversion of 7.3722 ha of forest land as additional forest land requirement in already approved diversion in favour of Shongtong Karchham Hydro Electric Project, HPPCL under the jurisdiction of Kinnaur Forest Division, Distt. Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/40611/2019).

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter No. 8-78/2010-FC dated 19.02.2024 on the subject cited above. The point wise reply to the observations as raised vide above referred communication is submitted as below:-

1. The area proposed for the implementation of CAT Plan is situated at high altitude and the climate of the region is very harsh and maximum area in the proximity of snow bound region. The plantation and other activities can be carried out in very limited period in a year. Due to this, the progress of implementation of CAT Plan is bit slow. The total outlay of earlier approved CAT Plan in respect of Shongtong Karchham HEP was Rs.60,44,00,000/- out of which the amount of Rs. 58,03,01,573/- stand utilized as on 31.01.2024 . The utilization statement is enclosed as **Annexure-A**. The balance amount of CAT Plan for Rs. 2,40,98,427/- has been proposed in the APO for the F.Y 2024-25 and 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, the copy of challan/receipt is enclosed as Annexure-B**. Since the above mentioned differential amount has been deposited recently therefore this amount will also be utilized in the subsequent 3 years upto Financial Year 2027-28.
2. As intimated by CCF Rampur Compensatory Afforestation (CA) was carried out in respect of Shongtong Karchham HEP over 128 ha. in the following patches :

S.No.	Area	CA area in Ha.	
1	UF-Dharwadang	10	Kilba
2	UF-wadang	10	Kilba
3	C-165-1	10	Kilba

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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
18	NC-27	4	Kalpa
	Total	128	

The detailed progress report along with the survival percentage of CA is attached as **Annexure-C**. Some CA sites are situated at high altitude and the climate of the region is very harsh and maximum area in the proximity of snow bound region due to which the survival percentage is bit low. Moreover being refractory areas site specific forestry interventions like moisture retention techniques i.e hydro gel, check dams, tranches, ponds, mulching, bio-fertilizer etc are be adopted for better survival.

3. As replied earlier that during the construction phase some boundary pillars got damaged due to which the actual boundary could not be ascertained and inadvertently the construction of approach road to SFT was constructed beyond the diverted area. DFO Kinnaur conducted re-demarcation on the 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. Accordingly **construction activities were immediately stopped. Presently no construction activities were allowed on the spot.** DFO Kinnaur has also **calculated Penal NPV of Rs. 41, 21,058/- with 12% interest as penalty from the date of violation reported. The bill of NPV had already been uploaded in the portal at S.N 22 as additional information in part-II** of the present proposal. The user agency has also agreed to pay the same. The forest department has also enforced strict measure to ensure that no violation take place in project site. The Project Manager (PM) of the contractor M/S Patel Engineering Limited Er. Sanjay Sharma was forced to resign from his post of Project Manager a couple of months back.

3. The KML of the dumping sites is being provided in CD through special messenger.

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It is, therefore requested that the Stage- I approval of the proposal may please be conveyed. Due to non diversion of additional forest land of 7.3722ha the construction activities at barrage site and silt flushing tunnel is completely stalled, hence the state is incurring huge financial losses without any productive output. This is for favour of your kind information and further necessary action in the matter please.

Encls As Above


Yours faithfully,

Signed by
Sanjay Sood

Date: 22-02-2024 12:11:09
Nodal Officer, Pr.CCF (HoFF) (FCA)
O/o Pr.CCF(HoFF), H.P. Shimla.

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NEFT / RTGS CHALLAN for CAMPA Funds
Date: 12-07-2023

Agency Name.	SHONGTONG KARCHHAM HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT, HPPCL
Application No.	5685100616
MoEF/SO File No.	NA
Location.	HIMACHAL PRADESH
Address.	Shongtong Karchham HEP, HPPCL, Reckong peo, Distt. Kinnaur/Kinnaur
Amount(In Rs)	97557500/-


Amount in Words :Nine Crore Seventy-Five Lakh Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Rupees Only

NEFT/RTGS to be made as per following details;

Beneficiary Name:	HIMACHAL PRADESH CAMPA
IFSC Code:	UBIN0996335
Pay to Account No.	150705685100616 Valid only for this challan amount.
Bank Name & Address:	Union Bank Of India FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027

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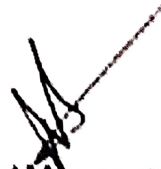
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Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Kinnaur Forest Division at R/Peo H.P


General Manager,
Shongtong-Karchham HEP,
HPPCL, Reckong Peo,
Distt Kinnaur (HP) 173107

Progress of CA Carried out in respect of Shongtong Karchham HEP over 128 ha. of Forest lands

SN	Circle	Division	Range Block Beat	Name of Land bank	Area of implementation (Ha.)	Year of CA Implementation	Survival Percentage (%)
1	Rampur	Kinnaur	Kilba	UF-Dharwadang	10	2014-15	60
2			Kilba	UF-wadang	10	2014-15	60
3			Kilba	C-165-1	10	2014-15	50
4			Kilba	C-165-2	10	2014-15	60
5			Kalpa	UF-Ralli	10	2014-15	65
6			Kalpa	C-176	10	2015-16	15
7			Kilba	UF- Lan Dhar	10	2015-16	40
8			Kilba	Kanyalus Dehat	10	2015-16	65
9			Kilba	C-154	5	2019-20	70
10			Kilba	C-152	5	2019-20	50
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16			Kilba	C-166	5	2019-20	70
17			Kalpa	NC-27	4	2020-21	55
18			Kalpa	NC-27	4	2021-22	60
				Total	128		

Note: Fund Deposited against CA in respect of Shongtong Karchham (area diverted i.e.(63.5015 ha) area measuring 128 ha. has fully utilized by this office.

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Kinnaur Forest Division at R/Peo H.R.