

No. FCA/Gen./ 4461

H.P. Forest Department.

Dated D/Shala, the/ 24/02/22

To : C.C.F. (T) Dharamshala.

From : D.F.O. Dharamshala

Subject: Diversion of 0.5151 ha. of forest land in favour of Mongra Hydro Construction Private Limited Ward No. 3, Post Office Yol Jharer, Tehsil Shahpur, District Kangra, HP for the construction of Lower Iku - I Small Hydro Project, within the jurisdiction of Dharamshala Forest Division, District Kangra H.P.

Memo :

Kindly refer to the EDS raised by Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, CGO Complex, Shivalik Khand, Longwood Shimla -1 vide office letter No. FC/HPB/01/25/2021/304 dated 30.09.2021 on the subject cited above.

2. The point wise reply to the observations furnish as under :-
- i. The Plantation Scheme for 1030 plants is enclosed herewith in triplicate.
 - ii. The area proposed for Dumping Sites is barren land and no trees are standing on the area. The area proposed for Dumping Sites are as such selected that barren land and involves no felling of trees.
 - iii. The Muck Dumping Plan has been authenticated and is enclosed herewith in triplicate.
 - iv. As submitted by the User Agency, the FRA Certificate is under process. The User Agency has submitted that the FRA Certificate will be provided before the Final Approval of the Proposal. An undertaking in this regard is enclosed herewith.
 - v. The User Agency has uploaded the copy of Techno Economic Clearance (TEC) and Implementation Agreement (IA) and copy of same is enclosed herewith in triplicate.
 - vi. As submitted by the User Agency, they have submitted an application to Project Director Himurja being Nodal Agency, for information regarding steps taken to minimise the ill effects on Environment and the Criteria followed for Allotment of such Projects. The Project Director Himurja has asked the Directorate of Energy (DoE) for the necessary information. Being Policy matter, this has to be dealt on higher level, which may take time. This information has been asked by MoEF in Forest Proposals and the information which will be supplied by the DoE will be applicable to all Projects upto 25 MW. So the User Agency has request that the proposal may be considered for In-principle approval. The User Agency has assured that they will abide by all the stipulations / conditions, if any imposed by Government / Competent Authority as applicable.
 - vii. As submitted by the User Agency, the area proposed during the submission of Feasibility Report are tentative. The area proposed for the Project are finalized after conducting the Detailed Topographical Survey during the preparation of DPR, so there is difference in the area proposed in Feasibility Report (FR). The area proposed 0.5151 ha is barest minimum required for the Project.

- viii. As submitted by the User Agency, the Project Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/41472/2019 and the above said Project are cascade Projects proposed on Iku Khad. The Projects are run of river schemes so no ill effect is done to the natural flow. User Agency has submitted that as per Implementation Agreement Sr. No. 9.6, they have to ensure, minimum flow of 15% water immediately downstream of the diversion structure of the Project throughout the year. They have ensured that 15% water will be left for free flow to maintain the ecological flow in the Nallah.
- ix. The User Agency has uploaded the copy of the Detailed Layout Plan and same is enclosed herewith in triplicate.
- x. The District Profile has been corrected in online Part II and revised copy of Part II is enclosed herewith in triplicate.
- xi. As submitted by the User Agency, the details in Online Part I, Sr. No. M has been filled.

It is therefore, requested that the necessary approval for the diversion of 0.5151 ha of forest land for the construction of above mentioned project may kindly be obtained from the Govt. of India under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and conveyed to this office.

Encl: As above.

Divisional Forest Officer
Dharamshala Forest Division
Dharamshala.