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**Office of the Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF**  
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Principal Secretary to Government  
Department of Forests, Environment & Ecology  
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Jammu/Kashmir

No. PCCF/FCA/3434/ 4683-92

Dated 25-11-2024

Sub: - Proposal for forest clearance involving use of 847.17 Ha of forest land for construction of (1856 MW) Sawalkot Hydroelectric Project in Udhampur, Batote, Ramban and Mahore Forest Divisions by NHPC.

Ref:- Proposal No. FP/Jk/Hyd/150591/2021

Sir,

With reference to the above proposal, it is being brought to your kind notice that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide G.S.R.582(E) dated 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 has issued the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Amendment Rules, 2024. In rule 13 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, in sub rule (1), for the third, fourth, and fifth proviso, the following proviso has been substituted, namely:-

**“Provided also in exceptional circumstances when the suitable land required for compensatory afforestation under this sub-rule is not available, the compensatory afforestation may be considered on degraded forest land which is twice in extent to the area proposed to be diverted in case of the Central Government agencies or Central Public Sector undertakings”.**

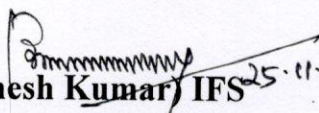
Hence in the instant case, as provided in amended guidelines, compensatory afforestation has been proposed on double degraded forest land in different forest divisions where land is being diverted.



Further, as observed, the enumeration list of the trees has been re-visited by the concerned DFOs and necessary changes have been effected.

Accordingly, it is requested to kindly accord necessary Stage-I approval for the instant proposal please.

Yours faithfully

  
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Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Link Officer (FCA)

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25/11/24

By 25.11.22

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