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No. 517  
H.P. Forest Department.

Dated Rampur, the 28-4-25

From: - DFO Rampur.

To: - CCF (T) Rampur.

Subject: - Diversion of 12.9880 ha. of forest land in favour of GEE CEE Hydro Power Pvt. Ltd. VPO Sarahan Tehsil Rampur, Distt. Shimla H.P for the construction of Kot Dogri SHEP (10 MW) within the jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division, Distt. Shimla H.P.

Memo:

Kindly refer to your online observation dated 01-03-2025 on the subject cited above.

2. In this context, it is submitted that reply of online observation raised is furnished as under:-

1. User agency has submitted that in the year of 2017 Govt. of H.P. had issued minutes of meeting and asked to send test FCA cases to Govt. of India of Kot Dori and Upper Kurmi by not taking the area under the ROW & Tunnel at that time the total area proposed for diversion was 1.0599 hac, but the same had been rejected by the Govt. of India in the year of 2020 then user agency has withdrawn their case.

Thereafter, the user agency has processed the FCA case again by taking the area under the ROW and tunnel having total area of 12.9880 hac. It is pertinent to mention here that an area of more than 10 hectare of transmission line now been included for diversion and more than 1 hectare area of underground tunnel also included for diversion, which were previously not included in the diversion as per the directions of H.P. Govt. Therefore, the area has been increased from 1 hectare to 12 hectare having same components.

It is, therefore, requested that the case may be forwarded to the quarter concerned for necessary approval under Section 2 of FCA, 1980.

Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
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Proceeding of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Tarun Kapoor, Additional Chief Secretary (Forests) on dated 18-03-2017 at 05.30 PM in the committee Room of Armsdale Building to discuss the issues relating to the Power Projects in Himachal Pradesh

The detail of participants who attended the meeting is enclosed at Annexure-A.

The various issues relating to power projects were discussed at length and following decisions were taken.

**1 Acquiring Forest land for diversion**

It was discussed that Govt. of India Guidelines relating to compensation for Right of Way (RoW) in case of transmission lines provide that one time compensation at the rate of 15% of land value in respect land falling in RoW and that of 85% of the land value for the land coming under towers is to be paid. There is no need to acquire land for the purpose of RoW and Towers.

Therefore, it was decided that at least two test proposals of FCA from Rampur area be prepared clearly mentioning about the land to be acquired and the land not to be acquired and shall be forwarded by the department to the Govt. of India for seeking approval.

**2 Installation of temporary ropeways**

It was discussed that temporary ropeways are installed for a limited time to facilitate transportation of material and after completion of construction, these structures are removed. Therefore, no forest land may be required to be included for the projects where temporary Ropeways are proposed to be installed. However, permission of the DFO may be required. Therefore, it was decided that department shall issue appropriate instructions to the field in this regard.

**3 Pre and post construction variation in alignments**

It was discussed that while executing the construction work in the field sometimes there is a minor variation from the original alignment during the construction. It was decided that in such cases no fresh proposal of FCA may be required if there is no change in the area in question. It was decided that instructions will be issued by the department in this regard.

**4 Issue of Compensatory Afforestation**

The power developers were informed by the Chairman that a Non-Forest land has already been identified in Una and Kangra Districts and most of the power projects which were on hold due to non-identification and non-allocation of non-forest land for carrying out compensatory afforestation are now through. Efforts shall be made to clear the pending proposals in near future.

**5 Regarding approval of projects of 100 KW capacities**

It was discussed that micro projects of up to 100 KW capacities are also sent to the Govt. of India for seeking forest land diversion approval. It was decided that Govt. of Himachal Pradesh shall put up a request to the Govt. of



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PROCEEDING OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2017 AT 3:00 PM UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE ACS (FORESTS & ENVIRONMENT) IN ELLERSLIE COMMITTEE ROOM, H.P. SECRETARIAT, SHIMLA REGARDING ISSUES RELATED TO THE HYDRO POWER DEVELOPMENT IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

The detail of officers and members of Bonafide Himachalies Hydro Power Developers Association who participated in the meeting is enclosed at **Annexure-A**.

The issues raised by the Bonafide Himachalies Hydro Power Developers Association in their communication dated 08-06-2017 addressed to the ACS (Forests & Environment) were discussed in detail and the following decisions were taken.

**A. Issues relating to the Forest Department:**

**1. *Land above tunnel may not be included for land diversion*** ✓

This issue was deliberated in detail and it was decided that at least two test cases under Rampur Forest Division be prepared in which diversion of forest land for tunnel may not included in the proposal and these cases be forwarded to the MoEF &CC, Government of India.

**2. *Procedure for uploading of FCA cases. FRA is being asked with the uploading of cases. The time in acquiring FRA certificate and scrutiny of papers can be saved, if FCA case is allowed to be uploaded without FRA certificates.***

It was discussed that acquiring FRA Certificate takes longer time which delays the uploading and processing of FCA proposals. Therefore, it was decided that the uploading and scrutiny of the proposal will be allowed without FRA certificate so that time can be saved in fulfilling all other requirements till the time the FRA certificate is received. Thereafter complete FCA proposal can be forwarded to the MoEF&CC, GOI without any further delay.

**3. *Procedure for removal of tree from site of construction is cumbersome and delay in removal of trees is causing delay in project construction. Moreover, IPPs are also not getting proper refund for the wood extracted and deposited with Forest Corporation.***

This issue was also discussed in detail with the MD, HP State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. He informed that powers to work on schedule of rates have been enhanced from Rs 1.00 Lakh to Rs. 5.00 Lakhs which shall reduce the delay. ACS (Forests) told that IPPs cannot be allowed to fell trees on their own since HPSFDC Ltd is the authorized agency of the Government for tree felling operations and sale. With regard to proper refund for the wood