

No./ 5204
H.P. Forest Department.

Dated Salooni, the// 28-1-2021

From DFO. Churah To:- CCF(T) Chamba (H.P.)

Subject:- Diversion of 11.9813 ha of forest land in favour of HPSEB Ltd. for the construction of Sai Kothi-II Hydel Electric Project, (16.5 MW), within the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division, Distt. Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. (online no. FP/HP/HYD/23837/2017).

Memo.

Kindly refer to Observations raised by MoEF & CC, office Delhi, forwarded by MoEF & CC, regional office Dehradun vide letter No. 8 बी/ एच. पी. 01/ 129/ 2019/ एफ. सी./ 113, दिनांक 29/ 12/ 2020.

2 In this connection it is intimated that the point-wise reply to the observations raised MoEF & CC, head office, New Delhi are submitted as under:-

Sr. No.	Observation/ information/ clarification required by MoEF	Reply
1	<p>State Govt. may submit the following detail with regard to the CAT Plan.</p> <p>a) In the case the Comprehensive CAT Plan is already in place with the Forest Department, its current status of implementation providing details of area "treated" and "funds" utilized, in general and with respect of proposals earlier approved by the Central Government in particular.</p> <p>b) Maps, if any available, indicating the catchment area of the extant project vis-a-vis area of the Comprehensive CAT Plan.</p> <p>c) Rationale for charging 2.5% or 1.5% of the total cost of the project.</p>	<p>a) It is submitted that Comprehensive CAT Plan for Ravi basin has been formulated and approved during 2015 and since this Division has not received funds "for its execution" hence status of CAT Plan may kindly be treated as it is.</p> <p>b) Maps attached (<u>Annexure-I</u>).</p> <p>c) Justification enclosed (<u>Annexure-II</u>)</p>
2	<p>Transmission line is an indispensable component of the hydel project and given the fact that implementing agency for both hydel as well as transmission line is same i.e. HSEBL, breaking proposal into two parts does not seem to be justified which is also in contravention of the relevant guidelines of the MoEF & CC which provides for submission of proposal in its entirety and not in piecemeals. Therefore, comments in this regard need to be furnished by the state govt. justifying non-inclusion of area of transmission line in the</p>	<p>It is submitted by the user agency that implementing agency for both project as well as transmission line is same and a part of HPSEBL. But, both the agencies function separately. Civil Wing of HPSEBL will construct the project. Whereas, Transmission Wing (Electrical System) will evacuate the power from pot-head-yard to the transmission line. As Transmission Wing has to evacuate the power from HPSEBL projects and project constructed or to be constructed in future in nearby areas by other</p>

	<p>extant proposal.</p>	<p>agencies (private as well as government agencies) which may get LILO in to the proposed evacuation line before the construction of this project or in future. Therefore, it is not possible to construct a project specific dedicated transmission line for power evacuation.</p> <p>However, to evacuate power from "Sai-Kothi-II" HEP three 132 KV LILO towers are proposed to be erected on private land and the premises of "Sai-Kothi-II" HEP switchyard. The power will be transferred to Tower Number 28 of Existing 132 Double Circuit Kurthala-Bathri line.</p> <p>All the Towers are proposed on private land or on premises of "Sai-Kothi-II" HEP switchyard. Therefore, diversion of forest land for construction of Transmission line for "Sai-Kothi-II" HEP is not required.</p>
3	<p>Cost benefits do not seem to be certified by concerned officials of the Forest Department. Detailed analysis has not been provided. Further, all parameters specified in the relevant guidelines of the MoEF & CC have not been accounted for into the analysis. Parameters specified in the relevant guidelines need to be accounted for appropriately using suitable techno-economic tools and detailed analysis needs to be submitted to the MoEF & CC instead of submitting simple arithmetic calculations.</p>	<p>Cost Benefit Analysis has been attached as <u>Annexure-III</u></p>

It is therefore, requested that the Forest Case may be forwarded at the earliest for onward submission to MoEF CC, GoI. please.

Encl :- As above


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