

From No.Ft.48-5745/2022 (FCA)  
H.P.Forest Department.

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

The Deputy Inspector General Forest, Sub Office,  
Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,  
CGO Complex, Shivalik Khand, Longwood, Shimla,  
Himachal Pradesh-171001. Dated Shimla-1, the

Subject: Diversion of 3.7463 hectare of Forest land in favour of Chamba Hydro Ventures, Hotel ALP Resorts, P.O. & Tehsil Dalhousie, Distt. Chamba for construction of Ghatore Top Small Hydro Project 4.98 MW within jurisdiction of Bharmour Forest Division, District Chamba Himachal Pradesh Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/155608/2022.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter FC/HPB/124/2023 dated 19.03.2026. on the subject cited above.

2. The point wise reply to the observation as raised vide your above referred communication is submitted as below:-

1. DFO Bharmour has submitted that there are no trees standing within the proposed Dumping Sites (I to VI) of the Ghatore Top SHEP (4.98 MW), as verified by the field staff The authenticated field verification report and geotagged photographs of all proposed dumping locations have been uploaded in PDF format. Furthermore, a formal undertaking certifying that "no trees shall be felled within the designated muck dumping sites" has been executed by the User Agency and uploaded in additional information detail at Sr. No. 42 of Part-I on the portal.
2. The Ghatore Top SHEP is a high-head scheme optimized to minimize surface footprint. Consequently, muck handling will primarily be executed manually. Out of the six proposed sites, four (4) dumping sites lie directly parallel to core project components (the approach road and Power House), requiring no independent access infrastructure. The remaining two (2) sites are adjacent to the Weir site, HRT, Desilting Tank, and Forebay, where construction and mucking will be handled manually via localized project pathways. A comprehensive Access Plan detailing these configurations has been compiled and uploaded in additional information detail at Sr. No. 42 of Part-I on the portal.
3. In reply to this observation user agency has submitted that the proposed dumping locations are completely devoid of existing standing trees or dense

vegetation, robust protection measures are planned to secure the local ecosystem. To effectively prevent muck from rolling into the adjoining nallah during both construction and operational phases, a comprehensive Catchment/Muck Bioengineering Plan complete with a detailed financial outlay-has been prepared and uploaded in additional information detail at Sr. No. 42 of Part-I on the portal.

4. In reply to this observation DFO has submitted that the forest canopy density has been reassessed & found correct as per the actual ground realities. Hence no need to update in SN-3 Part -II.
5. The total forest area proposed for diversion is strictly confined to 3.7463 hectares, which represents the barest minimum operational requirement. No component area has been proposed or calculated in the localized 'Karam' unit; all metric breakdowns are maintained in meters and hectares. For administrative clarity, a certificate from the Deputy Commissioner, Chamba, confirming that 'Karam' is solely a Revenue Department measurement unit (and not used in forest layouts), along with the authenticated component-wise land breakup, uploaded in additional information detail at Sr. No. 42 of Part-I on the portal.
6. The comprehensive Geological Assessment Report for the Ghatore Top SHEP (4.98 MW), detailing stability recommendations and duly authenticated by the competent authority, has been uploaded under the appropriate column of Part-I.
7. The detailed Power Evacuation Plan, along with its technical layout, has been successfully uploaded into the Additional information module of the online proposal.
8. A high-resolution, legible Differential GPS (DGPS) map, distinctly demarcating the latitudes, longitudes, and boundary pillars of all critical project components, has been uploaded in additional information detail at Sr. No. 42 of Part-I on the portal.
9. The proposed Compensatory Afforestation (CA) land has been thoroughly reassessed on the ground and certified as highly suitable for plantation. All requisite authenticated documents-including the KML files, Comprehensive CA Scheme, DGPS/Toposheet Map overlays, and the Land Suitability Certificate duly signed by DFO have been uploaded against Serial Number 13(i) of Part-II on Parivesh Portal.

Yours faithfully,

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