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File No. 8B/HP/01/48/2020/FC

Dated: 21.07.2022

सेवा में,

नोडल अधिकारी राह अतिरिक्त प्रधान मुख्य अरण्यपाल (एफ.सी.ए.)  
हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार  
वन विभाग, टालैंड, शिमला।  
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**Sub: Diversion of 4.016 ha of forest land in favour of Ashapuri Hydro Powers Private Limited, for the Construction of Hurla Top Small HEP Project within the jurisdiction of Parbati Forest Division. Distt. Kullu, Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/Hyd/39428/2019).**

सन्दर्भ: नोडल अधिकारी राह अतिरिक्त प्रधान मुख्य अरण्यपाल (एफ.सी.ए.) हि0प्र0 के पत्रांक एफ.टी 48 3915 / 2019 (एफ.सी.ए.) दिनांक 09.05.2022

महोदय,

उपरोक्त सन्दर्भित पत्र द्वारा प्रस्तुत प्रतिउत्तर एवं मंत्रालय के OM दिनांक 13.05.2022 द्वारा हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य में HEP परियोजना से सम्बंधित जारी निर्देशानुसार के अनुसार प्रस्ताव का ध्यानापूर्वक अवलोकन करने के पश्चात निम्नलिखित कगियां पाई गई है:

1. KML file/digital maps of the projects under consideration/ under construction/completed and commissioned in the landscape and their distances from nearest PA/ESZ may be provided.
2. Approved capacity of the river/rivulet is required to be submitted.
3. As per DSS analysis the proposed diversion area of the project is 1.82 km and 3.59 km far from Great Himalayan National Park and Kanawar WLS, respectively. Therefore, exact aerial distances of the proposed diversion area from boundary of GHNP and Kanawar WLS and its notified ESZ may be provided.
4. As per the Draft ESZ Notification, the extent of the Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area (GHNP-CA) varies from 500 meters to 6 Kms around the boundary of GHNP-CA. The GHNP-CA harbours variety of ecologically important flora and fauna, including threatened categories as well. Therefore, comments of the State Government in view of the activities prohibited or to be regulated within the Eco-Sensitive Zone and their impact on wildlife in ESZ in context of the proposed activity may be provided.
5. As the proposed diversion area falls GHNP-CA, therefore the State Government may provide Wildlife Management Plan along with detail cost of its implementation as per recent guidelines of MoEFCC dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.
6. As the proposed diversion area falls in highly mountainous area with steep slope with elevation of more than 2000 m above sea level, thus soil erosion will be inevitable. Therefore, State Govt. may provide Soil Moisture Conservation Plan along with detail cost of its implementation as per recent guidelines of MoEFCC dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

77/2022. As per DSS analysis, the proposed land for CA is covering 8 ha area of MDE. Therefore, the State Government may review the proposed CA land. Further, the concerned DFO may certify that the proposed CA land has neither been proposed and nor being used for any other proposal for compensatory afforestation.

8. Para 1.5 of Ministry's OM dated 13.05.2022 regarding HEPs of Himachal Pradesh has clearly mentioned that State Government should take appropriate action to resort the universally accepted system of land measurement units instead of 'Karam'. Necessary clarification regarding the same may be provided.

The proposal may be thoroughly scrutinized, reviewed and revised keeping in mind the suggestions given by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi vide File no. 8B/HP/01/48/2019/FC, OM dated 13-05-2022 regarding the hydel projects of Himachal Pradesh.

यदि वाही गई सूचना पत्र जारी होने की तिथि के 60 दिनों के भीतर (अधिकतम 90 दिन) इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त नहीं हुई तो प्रस्ताव को निरस्त किया जा सकता है।

Divisional Forest Officer

Diary No. 1924

Dated 11/10/2022

Parvati Forest Division

Shamshi

महोदय

हो/

(सत्य प्रकाश नेगी)

क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी

Encl. No 7470-71

dated 4/10/2022

1. Copy ~~of the~~ is forwarded to RO Hurla for information & further action. He is directed to submit the certificate in respect of Point No. 7. to this office.

2. Copy along with copy of G.O. Letter dt. 7-6-22 is forwarded to M/s Ashapuri Hydro Power Private Ltd. for information & action. He is requested to attend the above observation and intimate this office accordingly.

*Willy*  
4/10/22  
f D C F Parvati  
Rajiv  
3-10-22

Signed by Sd/-

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Date: 21.08.2022

Reason: Approval



Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

To

Addl. Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries (Forests),  
All States/Union territory Administrations

**Sub: Charging of an lump sum amount of the project cost towards the cost of implementation of the Wildlife Management Plan and lump sum amount of the project cost towards the cost of implementation of Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan –reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to above mentioned subject and to inform that issue related to preparation of Wildlife Management Plans, Soil Moisture Conservation Plans was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 wherein Committee inter-alia observed that preparation of such plans by the premier/reputed institutes consumes substantial time is resulting into considerable delay in the process which is ultimately delaying the commencement of different developmental projects. Committee further opined that implementation of mitigating measures should invariably be commenced with the commencement of non-forestry use of forest land and under no circumstances, such mitigating measures should be delayed beyond 2 years to ensure commencement of rejuvenation of ecosystem services lost from the forest area allowed for non-forestry use at the earliest possible time. After detailed deliberations and discussion in the matter, the Committee recommended that a lump sum amount towards the cost of implementation of Wildlife Management Plan and Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan should be charged in cases where preparation of such Plans is likely to take more time as compare to submission of other compliance for obtaining Stage-II approval.

Based on the recommendation of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) and acceptance of the same by the competent authority of the MoEF&CC, the Central Government provides the following provisions to deal with situations where preparation and finalization of Wildlife Management Plan and Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan is delayed for various reasons not attributable to State/User agency:

- i. The State Government should submit Wildlife Management Plan, along with detail cost of its implementation into the account of CAMPA along with the Stage-I compliance. However, in cases where it is not possible for the State to submit the compliance due to delay in preparation of such plan, a lump sum quantum of following amount may be realized from the User agency and submitted along with the Stage I Compliance:

a. 2% of total project cost towards the cost of implementation of the Wildlife Management Plan and/or 0.5% of the project cost towards the cost of implementation of Soil and Moisture Conservation Plan, as the