

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

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New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: March, 2024

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment and Forests,
Government of Himachal Pradesh.
Shimla.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Vimla Hydro Power Pvt. Ltd., for non-forestry use of 7.4268 ha. of forest land for construction of Upper Kurmi (8 MW) Small Hydro Power Project, within the jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division, District- Shimla in the State of Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/42328/2019)- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Himachal Pradesh letter No. Ft.48-3687/2017 (FCA) dated 17.05.2023 on the above mentioned subject submitted additional information as sought vide Integrated Regional Office letter No. 8B/HP/01/46/2019/FC dated 06.06.2022. Examination of the said information in the Ministry and as per DSS report following is revealed:

- i. The proposed forest land for diversion is falling inside the Rupi Bhaba Wildlife Sanctuary. Comments from PCCF (Wildlife)/ CWLW in this regard may kindly be submitted.
- ii. Part of the proposed forest land is overlapping with the Nanti Power House. The said power house has been constructed after 14/06/2014 as per the Google imagery. Clarification whether the Nanti Power House is connected with the present project may kindly be submitted.
- iii. Further, copy of approval obtained, if any, for the said project may be submitted along with compliance report.
- iv. Complete component wise/ purpose wise KML has not be uploaded/ submitted along with the proposal. The same may kindly be submitted for the purpose of DSS analysis.

In view of the above, the Government of Himachal Pradesh is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(S. Sundar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The DDGF (C), Regional Office, Chandigarh.
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.