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FOREST DEPARTMENT, HIMACHAL PRADESH

Dated Shimla-171001, the

**2 MAR 2021**

From:- Nodal Officer-cum-Addl.Pr.CCF (FCA)  
O/o Pr.CCF (HoFF) H.P.Shimla

To: 1. CCFs Rampur & Chamba  
2. DFOs Rampur & Chamba

**Subject:-** Minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of Regional Office (North- Central Zone) Dehradun to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

Memo:

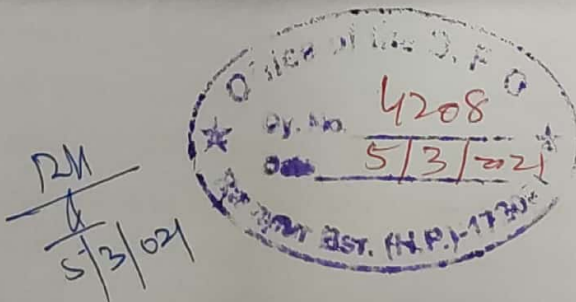
The 55<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee was convened on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 through video Conferencing in the office of Regional Office (North-Central Zone) MoEF&CC Dehradun.

2. Accordingly the APCCF (I/C)-cum-Chairperson, REC, Govt. of India, Regional Office, MoEF & CC (North -Centre Zone) Dehradun has sent the minutes of the meeting which are enclosed herewith for information and taking further necessary action.

The User Agencies may be asked to submit the requisite information through concerned DFO/CF so that the same could be sent to GoI, MOEF & CC, and Dehradun for taking further necessary action accordingly.

Encls:As above,

*(Signature)* 01/03/2021  
Nodal Officer-cum- Addl.Pr.CCF (FCA)  
O/o Pr. CCF (HoFF) H.P.



Endst. No. 7124-25 Dated 06-03-2021

Copy is forwarded to :-

1. R.F.O. Sarahan for information and n/aaction. He is directed to attend the observations of the both cases i.e. Kat Dogri SHEP (10MW) & Upper Kurni SHEP (8MW) and send to this office onwards transmission to qtr. concerned.
2. Mr. Vimla Hydro Power Ltd. VPo Sarahan Teh. Rampur Distt. Shimla H.P. & M/S Gecce Hydro Power Ltd. VPo Sarahan Teh. Rampur for information & n/aaction.

*(Signature)*  
D.C.F.  
Rampur

Following proposals seeking diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose pertaining to the state of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand were discussed in detail and the case wise decision taken by REC is as under:

#### HIMACHAL PRADESH

Agenda Item No. 01: Diversion of 12.988 ha forest land for construction of Kot Dogri Small Hydro Electric Project (10 MW) on Koot Khad a tributary of river Satluj, in favour of Gee Cee Hydro Power Pvt. Ltd., within the jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division, District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. (Online proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/42325/2019).

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 12.988 ha forest land for construction of Kot Dogri Small Hydro Electric Project (10 MW). The committee was apprised that 169 trees are enumerated in the project. It is noted that the forest land proposed for diversion is not a part of any Protected Area, also no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported in the area proposed for diversion. Further, the committee noted that no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The committee was apprised that the forest land proposed for diversion is located within 10 KM of Rupri Bhaba Wildlife Sanctuary. Comments of CWLW has been submitted in this regard. The concerned User Agency presented the project before the REC through Video Conferencing and informed that felling of trees are restricted over the construction site, the trees below the transmission corridor are not to be felled. Further the REC members raised the issue of distance of the dumping sites from the Satluj river. The User agency apprised the committee that the dumping sites are far away from the Satluj river and this is run of the river projects in which no catchment will be formed so these SHEP projects are environment friendly. Further, the project proponents ensured the REC about incorporating all the precautionary measures to tackle adverse situations, if occurred.

The FRA certificate and implementation agreement for the capacity has not been provided and said to be under process. On request of State Government the REC agreed to

consider the request of State Government and project authorities to include these documents as a part of conditions for recommending the project for in-principle approval to the MoEF&CC, New Delhi. However, the User Agency has proposed CA area on forest land whereas, as per guidelines, the CA area should be selected on land which is not in the possession of the forest department.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to recommend the proposal to Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for approval subject to fulfillment of following conditions:*

1. The State Government may select the area for Compensatory Afforestation in Non-forest Land or waste land as per prescribed guidelines of MoEF&CC.
2. The State Government will provide details of trees proposed to be felled and not to be felled in the proposed area duly authenticated by DFO. The number of trees shown in online portal at para 4 (ii) is 168 while in hard copy it is 169, therefore necessary corrections may also be done in online portal.

Agenda Item No. 02: Diversion of 7.4268 ha forest land for construction of Upper Kurmi Small Hydro Electric Project (8 MW) on Nanti Khad a tributary of river Satluj in favour of Vimla Hydro Power Pvt. Ltd., within the jurisdiction of Rampur Forest Division, District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. (Online proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/42328/2019)

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 7.4268 ha forest land for construction of Upper Kurmi Small Hydro Electric Project (8 MW). The committee was apprised that 198 trees are enumerated in the project. It is noted that the forest land proposed for diversion is not a part of any Protected Area, also no rare and endangered species of flora and fauna have been reported in the area proposed for diversion. Further, the committee noted that no violation of FCA has been reported by the State Government. The committee was apprised that the forest land proposed for diversion is located within 10 KM of Rupri Bhaba Wildlife Sanctuary, comments of CWLW has been submitted in this regard. The concerned User Agency presented the project before the REC through Video Conferencing and informed that felling of trees are restricted over the construction site, the trees below the transmission corridor are not to



be felled. Further the REC members raised the issue of distance of the dumping sites from the Satluj river. The User agency apprised the committee that the dumping sites are far away from the Satluj river and this is run of the river projects in which no catchment will be formed so these SHEP projects are environment friendly. Further, the project proponents ensured the REC about incorporating all the precautionary measures to tackle adverse situations, if occurred.

The FRA certificate and implementation agreement for the capacity has not been provided and said to be under process. On request of State Government the REC agreed to consider the request of State Government and project authorities to include these documents as a part of conditions for recommending the project for in-principle approval to the MoEF&CC, New Delhi. However, the User Agency has proposed CA area on forest land whereas, as per guidelines, the CA area should be selected on land which is not in the possession of the forest department.

*After detailed discussion on various aspects of the proposal, the committee decided to recommend the proposal to Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for approval subject to fulfillment of following conditions:*

1. The State Government may select the area for Compensatory Afforestation in Non-forest Land or waste land as per prescribed in the guidelines of MoEF&CC.
2. The State Government will provide details of trees proposed to be felled and not to be felled in the applied area duly authenticated by DFO.

X Agenda Item No. 03: Diversion of 5.48 ha forest land for construction of Kiani Bagori Shakti Dehra Tikri Hamal Side 0/00 to 10/500 in favour of HPPWD, within the jurisdiction of Chamba Forest Division, District Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. (Online Proposal No.: FP/HP/ROAD/45519/2020).

Regional Empowered Committee discussed the proposal seeking diversion of 5.48 ha forest land for construction of Kiani Bagori Shakti Dehra Tikri Hamal Side 0/00 to 10/500. The committee noted that 34 trees (including 28 saplings) are proposed to be affected in the project. It is noted that the forest land proposed for diversion is not a part