

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

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Dated: 19th May, 2023

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Department of Forest,  
Government of Himachal Pradesh,  
Shimla.

**Subject: Diversion of 7.3722 ha of forest land as additional forest land requirement in already approved diversion in favour of Shongtong Karchham Hydro Electric Project, HPPCL under the jurisdiction of Kinnaur Forest Division, Distt. Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/40611/2019)- regarding.**

**Madam/Sir,**

I am directed to refer to the Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA), Government of Himachal Pradesh's letter No. Ft.48-4019/2019 (FCA) dated 20.04.2023 submitting certain information in pursuance of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 29.03.2023 through online mode on the PARIVESH portal. The State Govt. has forwarded the online proposal to the Ministry, however, the referred letter of the State Govt. is addressed to the IRO Shimla of MoEF&CC, which may be kept in view for future communications. After examination of the information/ documents, the following shortcomings have been observed:

1. The KML files of the dumping site as sought on 29.03.2023 has been provided, however the details including the KML file of the project area affected by flood and that due to the restriction imposed by army authorities has not been provided. The same shall be submitted.
2. In compliance to observation of this Ministry vide point (iii) of letter dated 29.03.2023, the status of implementation of the CAT plan has not been provided by the State Government.
3. The State Govt. may confirm that all the conditions stipulated in the Stage-II approval dated 14.11.2012 for diversion of 63.5015 ha of forest land for construction of 402 MW Shongtong Karchham Hydro Electric Project under FCA,1980 and Environment Clearance dated 19.05.2011 have been complied.
4. The shape file/KML files for diverted forest area i.e. 63.5015 showing various components have been submitted in line feature instead of polygon. Therefore, the correct KML file of 63.5015 ha in polygon format shall be submitted.
5. KML file of approved forest area (63.5015 ha) and approved components therein i.e. HRT and Adit-2 is found overlapping with the CA site namely C-170 approved in this project. Therefore, the accuracy of the KML file of said

CA site needs to be verified.

In view of above, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh is requested to furnish their response on the above observation for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
Sd/- *19/05/23*  
(Suneet Bhardwaj)  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
- 2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Shimla.
- 3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
- 6. Guard File.

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*19/05/2023*  
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Copy is forwarded to DFO Kinnaur for information and necessary action. He is requested to attend the observations as raised by GoI and submit reply to this office for onward transmission to concerned quarter.

*[Signature]*  
Chief Conservator of Forests  
Rampur Bushahr, H.P. *9/16*