

I/8523/2022

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi: 1100 03,

Dated: 24st May, 2022

To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Himachal Pradesh.
Shimla.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 406.79 ha. of forest land in favour of HPPCL for the construction of Thana Plaun Hydro-Electric Project (191 MW), within the jurisdiction of Mandi & Jogindernagar forest Divisions, District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. (Online proposal No.FP/HP/HYD/8255/2014)- regarding

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Himachal Pradesh's letter No.Ft.48-2883/2014 (FCA) dated 26.03.2022 forwarding additional information in response to this Ministry's letter dated 02.09.2021 and inform that the following shortcomings have been observed:

(i) As per the DSS report the 4.00 hectare area proposed for road is overlapping with the area proposed for Dam site and Some solid structures are also visible in the proposed quarry sites. The State Govt may kindly verify the area/submitted KML files and submit a detailed report to this Ministry.

(ii) Date of the enumeration of trees at FRL, FRL-2 and FRL-4 may be provided.

(ii) No of village falling in the submergence area may be provided.

(iii) The DSS analysis shows that the Pandoh, Dehra Power Plant Kol Dam, Suket Dam and any other nearby HEP who is falling in downstream of the proposed project (Copy of the GE map is attached for reference) . Is there any study has been carried out by the State Government on what effect will it done on the above said project after construction the Thana Plaun HEP? The State may also provide the NOC from these DAM authorities.

I/8523/2022

(ii) The State Govt shall ensure that the R&R plan be prepared and submitted as per the latest provisions of law applicable in this regard.

(iii) The revised CA sites have been analysed on DSS and following is observed:

I. Jogindernagar Forest Division

- a. KML file uploaded at S.no. 16 under column 13 of Part-II is not correct. (**Range: Pangna, Comp. no.: Jamnu, Area: 117.8 ha**)
- b. KML file uploaded at S.no. 11 under column 13 of Part-II is not correct. (**Range: Kangoo, Comp. no.: Koon, Area: 5 ha**)

II. Mandi Forest Division

- a. KML file uploaded at S.no. 22 under column 13 of Part-II is corrupt/ not accessible. (**Range: Sadar, Comp. no.: Sinhal, Area: 10 ha**).

(iv) The revised CA site have also been proposed in VDF and MDF as per details given below:

Revised CA sites proposed in Mandi Forest Division								
S. No.	Name of Beat and RF/PF	Given Area (in ha)	Calculated Area (in ha)	VDF	MDF	OF	Non-Forest	Remark
1	Nerinishoo/ Bunga Thana Palaun	20	20.07	2	14	0	4	Additional CA
2	Ghandhary DPF/ Talyar Beat	20	20.03	0	2	3	15	Additional CA
Total		166	168.61	2	16	11	139	Additional CA

The State Government may therefore revisit and revise the above mentioned CA sites

In view of above, the State Government is requested to submit the information, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by Rakesh Kumar

Date: 24-05-2022 18:12:40

Reason: Approved
(Rakesh Kumar)

Technical Officer (Forestry)

Encl: As above

Copy to: -

1. The PCCf (HoFF), Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. The Regional Officer, MoEF&CC's Integrated Regional Office, Shimla.
3. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.