

No. D-V-18/G/ 4600
H.P. Forest Department

Dated Chamba, the 12/9/2022

From: - C.C.F. Chamba

To: - DFO Bharmour.

Subject: - Regarding cumulative study all projects on Ravi River to assess the impact on landscape in general, and wildlife and an ecological aspect in particular.

Memo:

While according a proposal by GoI, MOEF vide his letter dated 11.01.2013 and 19.02.2013 for "diversion of 61.4083 hectare of forest land in favor of M/s JSW Energy Ltd. for the construction of 240MW Kuther Hydro Electric Project within the jurisdiction of Bharmour Forest Division Chamba, Himachal Pradesh, it has been stipulated that *"a cumulative study may be carried out by the State Govt. on behest of all project proponents on Ravi River to assess the impact on landscape in general, and wildlife and ecological aspects in specific and the user agency shall submit an undertaking to comply with the additional conditions that the central Government may stipulate based on outcome of the said study. Issues of forest fragmentation and landscape level changes due to direct and indirect impact of the project shall be specifically dealt in the said study. The study should take into account the proposed and existing micro hydel projects on the project basin."*

Before any further action is taken on the following listed projects received in this office of your division, you are requested to clarify whether the Cumulative Study of Ravi River Basin to assess the impact on landscape in general, and wildlife and ecological aspects in specific, taking into account the proposed and existing micro-hydel project on the project basis has been conducted for these projects or not?

1. Ghator Top SHEP 4.98 MW.
2. Jai Bani Mata HEP (24MW)
3. Jai Kartikay HEP (2.5MW)

The proposal without study and comments on the stipulation as mentioned above by the you has been recommended for further approval. Therefore, you are requested to conduct the preliminary study for to assess the impact on landscape in general and wildlife & ecological aspects in specific as per the concerned Working Plan, Wildlife Management Plan & CH file and other relevant document, meanwhile, this office taking up the issue of conducting large scale cumulative study with Energy Department, Director, Directorate of Energy and Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HP) Shimla.


Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chamba Forest Circle, Chamba