

Diversion of 9.739 ha of forest land in favour of HPSEB Ltd,for the construction of Devi Kothi Hydel Electric Project(16.00MW) HPSEB Ltd. Tissa within the jurisdiction of Churah Forest Division distt Chamba, HP.

1. Against column No.B-2.4 in online part-I, although the detail of all the components of the project in forest land has been given, but the total of the component wise break up of non forest land is not tallying. The non forest land involved in the proposed HEP is 0.4469 ha but the total of non forest land against column No.B-2.4, 0.4428ha has been mentioned. The detail of forest land and non forest land requirement of all the components should tally with the total forest/non forest area requirement.
2. Against column C(iii), although the toposheet has been uploaded but as per latest instructions of GoI, the Copy of Survey of India Toposheet indicating boundary of forest land proposed to be diverted duly signed by the user agency and DFO concerned is required to be uploaded against this column.
3. Against column C(iv) in online part-I, although the digital map of proposed road has been uploaded, but as per latest instructions of GoI, against this column map of the proposed project duly signed by the user agency and DFO concerned is required to be uploaded.
4. Against column No.D(i), although the justification for locating the project over forest land duly signed by user agency has been uploaded but has not been countersigned by DFO concerned. Justification for locating the project over forest land duly signed by the user agency and countersigned by the DFO concerned is required to be uploaded.
5. The density of vegetation 0.06, has been mentioned in online part-II and in hard copy against column No.7(vi), the density of vegetation has not been mentioned. The density of vegetation is required to be mentioned in online as well in hard copy.
6. As per enumeration lists placed at P.Nos.55-73, in all 405 trees including saplings are standing over the forest land proposed for diversion, but against column No.4(ii), from 31-60 to >150cm girth class, only 89 trees have been mentioned. 0-30 cm girth class is not visible at Nodal officer level, hence it is required to be clarified by DFO concerned that 316 trees have been mentioned against 0-30 cm girth class.
7. There is difference in the approximate distance mentioned in online part-II and mentioned in hard copy of part-II. In online part-II, against column No.7, approximate distance 0 Kms has been mentioned whereas in hard copy against column No.7(ix), 'Within forest boundary and distance variable', has been mentioned. The distance is required to be mentioned in online part-I.
8. Against column 8(iii), 'No', has been mentioned. As per latest instructions of GoI, the distance of the proposed projects from the WL sanctuary/ Eco-sensitive zones is required to be uploaded as an additional document against additional information details in online part-II and if falling within the 10 Kms of protected areas, the comments of Chief wild life warden of the State are required to be obtained for uploading against additional information details. In the uploaded certificate the
9. Against column No.13(iii) &(iv), although the digital map and map on toposheet of CA sites have been uploaded but have not been signed by the DFO concerned. The digital map and map of on toposheet of CA sites duly signed by DFO concerned is required to be uploaded.

10. In the site inspection report of DFO uploaded against column No.15, the specific recommendations have not been made.
11. Plantation part of dumping sites placed at P.No.103 of the proposal folder has not been signed by the DFO concerned.
12. CA has been proposed over degraded forest land. In view of latest guidelines of GoI dated 17.4.2018, conveyed to all CCFs/CFs vide this office order No.Ft.48-66/2018(FCA) dated 1.5.2018, as per additional clause 3.2vi(b-1) in respect of Hydro Electric projects, compensatory afforestation may be raised over degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area being diverted/de-reserved for construction of small hydroelectric project (upto 25 MW) duly approved by the competent authority in the Government, provided diversion of forest area does not exceed 5(five) hectares. In the present proposal the hydro electric project is having installed capacity of 16 MW and the forest area is more than 5 ha, Hence CA can not be proposed over degraded forest land.


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