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(भारत सरकार का उद्यम)

NHPC Limited
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

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Ref. No. NH/Env. 91/2142

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Sub: Extension of validity of TOR for Bursar Hydroelectric Project in Kishtwar District of J&K by NHPC Ltd. - regarding.

Ref: MoEF&CC letters No. J-12011/29/2012-IA-I dated 5.10.2012 & J-12011/30/2012-IA-I dated 03.08.2015.

Sir,

Bursar HE project has been declared as National project. It is proposed on River Marusudar, a tributary of river Chenab, located in Kishtwar District of J&K. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) had accorded approval to ToR for preparation of EIA/EMP reports of Bursar HE Project vide letter No. J-12011/29/2012-IA-I dated 5.10.2012, with a validity of 2 years.

2. However, due to difficult terrain and short working season, the survey of DPR & EIA studies could not be completed within the stipulated time. Further, in compliance to the condition no. 4 (ii), NHPC has shifted the location of powerhouse from Drangdhuran to Lopara village in order to maintain a free flow of river for about 1 km between reservoir tail of Pakal Dul HE Project and tail race outfall of Bursar HE Project. This resulted in decrease in the installed capacity of the project to 800 MW. After finalization of powerhouse location, EIA/EMP study as per approved ToR was awarded to Centre of Research for Development (CORD), University of Kashmir on 07.06.2014.
3. Subsequently, MoEF&CC was requested to extend the validity of ToR of Bursar HE Project with Installed Capacity of 800 MW. Accordingly, MoEF&CC vide letter No. J-12011/30/2012-IA-I dated 03.08.2015 has extended the validity of ToR for another 2 years i.e. upto 05.10.2016. Copy of letter is enclosed.
4. Survey and investigation works related to DPR have been almost completed and chapters required prior to DPR have been submitted to respective agencies viz. CEA, CWC, CSMRS & MoWR etc.



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5. The Consultant (CORD), for EIA/EMP studies, has almost completed all the field surveys and collected baseline information with respect to flora, fauna, air, water, noise quality, socio-economic aspects, etc. and the data is being processed and works of EIA/ EMP are in progress. However, due to adverse law and order conditions prevailing in the State, the EIA/ EMP reports are not likely to be completed within stipulated time framework of ToR granted by MoEF&CC i.e. by 05.10.2016. NHPC is vigorously pursuing the matter with the Consultant for completion of EIA/ EMP reports.

With the above submission and keeping in view the prevailing law & order situation in Valley, it is requested that the validity of ToR may be extended by one more year i.e. upto 05.10.2017 in line with MOEF&CC O.M. dated 08.10.2014, so that the pending works related to preparation of EIA/EMP reports could be completed and subsequent Public Hearing be organized before submission of Final EIA/ EMP reports to MoEF&CC for environment clearance.

Thanking you,

Encl: as above.

Yours faithfully,


19/10/16
(A.K. Mishra)

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