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Ref : TVHPP/EMG/2022/676

Date : 07.12.2022

To,

**Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C),
Ministry of Env., Forest and Climate Change,
Regional Office (NCZ), 25,
Subhash Road, Dehradun - 248001**

SUB : Submission of six monthly Compliance Report for Tapovan Vishnugad HEP-reg.

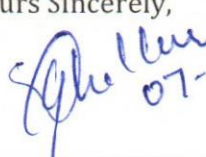
Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the six monthly compliance report for the period of 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022, in line with conditions stipulated in Environmental clearance (No:J-12011/36/2004-IA.I dated 08.02.2005) accorded to Tapovan Vishanugad Hydro Electric Project of NTPC Limited. Hope you will find above in order.

With regards.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,


07-12-2022

(VISHAL THAKUR)

Manager (EMG)

TVHPP, NTPC Limited

Enclosure: Compliance report (11pages)

Annexure-A

Annexure-B

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Six Monthly Compliance Report of Environmental Clearance

Name of the Project : Tapovan Vishnugad Hydro Electric Power Project
MoEF&CC Letter No. : J-12011/36/2004-IA.I dated 08.02.2005.
Period of Compliance Report : 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022

S.No	Recommendation	Compliance Status
1	The proposal of Environmental Clearance of Tapovan Vishnugad Hydro Electric Project (TVHEPP) was considered by the Expert Committee for River Valley & Hydroelectric projects at its meeting held on 25.10.2004 & reconsidered on 09.12.2004. The Tapovan Vishnugad Hydro Electric Project 520 MW (4x130 MW) is a run of the river scheme across river Dhauliganga, a tributary to River Alaknanda & involves construction of a barrage near village Tapovan, Joshimath. The underground Power House is located near village Shelang, Joshimath (Chamoli).The capital cost of the project is Rs. 5867 Crores.	The Environmental Clearance of Tapovan Vishnugad Hydro Electric Power Project (TVHEPP) was accorded by Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change (MOEF&CC) on 08.02.2005 vide letter No: J-12011/36/2004-IA.I.
2	The Environmental Management Plans - submitted by NTPC has been examined. The Ministry of Environment & Forests hereby accords Environmental Clearance of TVHEPP as per the provisions of Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 1994, subject to strict compliance of the terms and conditions as follows:-	
<u>Part A: Specific Conditions:</u>		

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(i)	Catchment Area Treatment Plan as has been proposed should be completed in three years.	<p>CAT PLAN</p> <p>The CAT Plan of Tapovan Vishnugad Hydro Electric Project (TVHEP) was prepared by Nanda Devi National Park, Joshimath, State Forest Department. The CAT was planned for a period of 10 years and approved by MOEF&CC for a value of Rs. Rs.48.50 Cr which has been deposited by NTPC to the Forest Department. The said plan was supposed to be completed by 2020 but due to slow pace of execution, the competent authority has granted time extension till 2024. The details of the payments made by NTPC towards CAT Plan are as below:</p> <p>[i] Rs 2.50 Crore on 25.03.2006 by DD No. 225166 dated 24.03.2006 as advance amount against CAT Plan.</p> <p>[ii] Rs. 7,31,09,000/- by DD No. 789860 dated 18.09.2007 paid against 1st year CAT Plan.</p> <p>[iii] Rs 37,93,91,000/- by DD No 305724 dated 24.06.2008 against total balance amount of the said CAT Plan vide letter No: TVHPP/P&S/F-18/2008-09/31 dated 11.07.2009</p> <p>(iv) Rs. 75.00 lakhs were retained on their request for providing of supporting equipment like vehicles, Computers, Laptops, Camera, etc. Out of that equipment worth of Rs 62,13,981/- has already been purchased and handed over to the Authorities.</p> <p>Compensatory Afforestation:</p> <p>Amount deposited towards Compensatory Afforestation:</p> <p>Total: Rs. 2,15,84,364/- has been deposited.</p> <p>(2.692 Ha) Rs. 10,73,721/- on 17.05.2005</p> <p>(2.888 Ha) Rs. 10,92,439/- on 17.05.2005</p> <p>(75.999 Ha) Rs. 1,85,11,719/- in Sep' 2005</p> <p>(1.15 Ha) Rs. 3,24,800/- on 19.09.2007</p> <p>(4.706 Ha) Rs. 5,81,685/- on 12.08.2009.</p>
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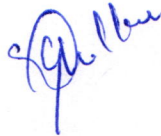
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	<p>CAT Plan implementation status (Forest Department, Alaknanda Soil Conservation, Gopeshwar (the executing department).</p>	<p>The said CAT Plan is being implemented by Forest Department, Govt. of Uttarakhand in ten years.</p> <p>CAT Plan implementation work is in progress in 84 Gram Panchayats and an expenditure of Rs 30.60 Cr has been incurred till 30.09.2022 by the Forest Department, Alaknanda Soil Conservation, Gopeshwar (the executing department) on execution of CAT plan. It is to bring to your kind notice that no expenditure has been incurred in the last six months period i.e. between 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022 by the Forest Department.</p>
(ii)	<p>A study should be initiated on the long-term sustainability of water to be received from the glaciers, as there are several reports on the receding of glaciers. The study should be funded by NTPC and the Terms of Reference (ToR) should be decided in consultation with the MOEF.</p>	<p>Study of Glacier Contribution in the stream flow of Dhauliganga River at TVHEPP site and its influence on long term water sustainability was conducted by National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee on 17.10.2006.</p>
(iii)	<p>The R&R Plan for the Project Affected Persons (PAPs) should be prepared in consultation with the State Government and submitted within three months from the date of issue of this letter.</p> 	<p>The Socio-Economic Survey (SES) was carried out by Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun.</p> <p>One time settlement with Land Owners has been done. Lump-sum cash compensation paid in consultation with Village Development Advisory Committee (VDAC) constituted by District Magistrate of District Chamoli vide letter No. MEMO /ST/2005-2006 dated 03.09.2005 and representatives from Eight project affected Villages, District Administration, and Public Representatives & NTPC.</p>
(iv)	<p>Forest Clearance may be obtained for acquiring forest land and submitted to this Ministry.</p>	<p>(a) 75.999 Ha vide letter No.: FNO:8-69/2005-FC dated 08.08.2005 and subsequent GO issued by Government of Uttarakhand vide</p>

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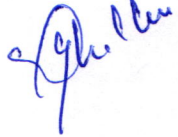
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		letter No: GI-1093/7-1-2006-300 (1137)/2005 dated 22.04.2006. (b) 2.692 Ha vide letter No. : GI-904/7-1-2005-600(1045)/2005 dated 05.07.2005 (c) 2.888 Ha vide letter No. : GI-905/7-1-2005-600(1045)/2005 dated 05.07.2005 (d) 1.15 Ha vide letter No.: GI-1552A/7-1-2007-800(1944)/2007 dated 29.10.2007.
(v)	Twenty Two (22) conditions mentioned in the proceeding of Public Hearing should be followed in toto.	Being complied.
(vi)	Minimum water flow in the downstream of barrage should be maintained during lean season.	This condition has been modified by MOEF&CC vide their letter dated 01.04.2005 mentioning that a minimum water flow of 30 cusecs will be ensured in the river during lean season. This will be complied during operation phase of the project. To release the environmental flow, a pipe of 750 mm diameter has been provided in the pier below Minimum Draw Down Level (MDDL) level to ensure uninterrupted water flow. Compliance w.r.t. revised E-flow guidelines as per the latest notification of MoWR dated 10.10.2018 shall be done during operation stage.
(vii)	Seismic Zoning has been revised in 2002. The design of the main structure should be based on the 2002 guideline. Earthquake resistance design should be followed for all civil structures. 	The Project falls under seismic Zone-IV and the site Seismic Study for TVHEPP was carried out by Department of Earthquake Engineering, IIT Roorkee and the report has been submitted on 24.04.2007. Further, all the structures of the project have been designed in line with the recommendations of the above said report and the same are being carried under the guidance of Central Water Commission (CWC).
Part-B: General Conditions:		
(i)	Adequate free fuel arrangement should be made for the labour force engaged in	Presently there are three labour camps exists, one at Power House site and two at Barrage

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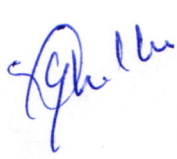
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	<p>the construction work at project cost so that indiscriminate felling of trees is prevented.</p>	<p>site.</p> <p>M/s Patel Labour camp (Power House), Helang. M/s RITHWIK Labour Camp, Barrage area at village Tapovan. M/s HCC at village Belagarh.</p> <p>Food is being provided to the labour by the agencies which are being prepared in their mess where HSD/LPG/ Kerosene are being used for cooking. As there is no separate cooking is being done by labour therefore, there is no point of indiscriminate felling of trees by labour force in the project area for cooking.</p> <p>During the period of 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022 the usage of LPG/HSD/Kerosene in their respective messes is as under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• M/s Patel Engineering has used 23 Nos. of LPG Cylinders.• M/s RITHWIK has consumed 128 Nos. of LPG Cylinders and 3350 liters of diesel for cooking.• M/s HCC has consumed 218 Nos. of LPG Cylinders.
(ii)	<p>Fuel depot may be opened at the site to provide the fuel (kerosene / wood / LPG).</p> <p>Medical facilities.</p>  <p>Recreational facilities should also be provided to the labourers.</p>	<p>LPG gas Depot managed by M/s Indane Gas is located at Joshimath which is catering the requirement of the cooking gas of the locality. Medical/ First Aid facilities along with Ambulance are available at all the working sites for 24x7 for providing medical assistance in case of any accident at site during construction. Regular health check-up of the staff and contractor's labour are being done by Contractor and the reports are being furnished to NTPC on monthly basis.</p> <p>Indoor gaming facilities, reading rooms and Colour Television have been provided by the agencies in the Labour Camps, Staff Rooms for recreation of labour force.</p>
(iii)	<p>A Monitoring Committee for R&R should be constituted which must</p>	<p>Village Development Advisory Committee (VDAC) includes members from all the project</p>

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<p>include representatives of project-affected persons from SC / ST category and a woman beneficiary.</p> <p><i>S. Ghelani</i></p>	<p>affected villages, representatives of SC/ST and locals, which was constituted by District Magistrate of District Chamoli. The regular meeting of VDAC in presence of local administration is being held to review and monitoring of R&R activities.</p> <p>In additional to above Rs. 37.18 Cr has been allocated for the Community Development (CD) works.</p> <p>Further, NTPC also funding worth of Rs.14.73 Cr. for setting up of two Polytechnic colleges in Uttarakhand. About 2.22 Cr. has already been paid to Govt. of Uttarakhand for setting up one Polytechnic at Kaladungi and another Polytechnic for women which is proposed to be setup at Dhak village near Joshimath.</p> <p>NTPC also providing long term water supply scheme for Joshimath which costs to NTPC more than Rs 16.00 Cr. Rs 35.00 Lakhs has already been released for preparation of DPR and work commence soon by Jal Nigam Department, Gopeshwar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ NTPC also provided 110 solar lights in the surrounding villages to provide better illumination.➤ Tree plantation work and environmental protection nature type of jobs are being got done through the Samitis run by ladies of nearby villagers.➤ Distribution of 5000 fruit bearing plants among Project Affected Villages➤ Another big scheme amounting to Rs.15.82 crores is the Joshimath Long Term Water Supply for which MOU has been signed with M/s.Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam on 10.12.2020 and work on the scheme has started. Subsequently, 4.35 crore has been released for expenditure till date.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ As part of MOU with GoUK, a Government Polytechnic building is nearing completion in village Dhak for which an amount of Rs.14.732 crores is being incurred.➤ Solar water heaters are being installed in community building including schools, colleges, and community halls in Project Affected villages. A total number of 43 solar water systems has been installed and handed over to the beneficiaries and remaining 7 shall be handed over soon.➤ The work of installation of 8 nos of solar lighting mast in project affected villages is in progress.
(iv)	All the labourers to be engaged for construction works should be thoroughly examined by health personnel and adequately treated before issuing them work permit. 	Thoroughly health check-up on regular basis is being done for all employees and labour of contractor and the reports are being furnished to NTPC by the agencies on monthly basis. Details of the health check-up of labour/ employees done by the agencies during the period of 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022: 39 Nos. of Employees/ Workers were medically examined by M/s Patel Engineering. 560 Nos. of Employees/ Workers were medically examined by M/s RITHWIK during the period. 1211 Nos. of Employees/Workers were medically examined by M/S HCC during this period.
(v)	Restoration of construction area including dumping site of excavated materials should be ensured by levelling, filling up of burrow pits, landscaping etc. The area should be properly treated with suitable plantation.	Presently the excavated material is being dumped in designated muck disposal areas only. Toe walls / Gabions walls are being constructed to avoid the spill over of the muck. The provisions of constructing such walls have already been kept in the contract itself under Environmental Protection works which is the

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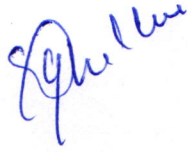
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		<p>responsibility of the agency and NTPC strictly monitoring the same.</p> <p>The sites where quarry & muck disposal work is over where the treatment of the surface is being done through Jute Geo Textile. NTPC has purchased 15,000 sqm of jute for muck treatment and out of it 12,000 sqm has already been laid over muck along the Chormi road and 3,000 sqm at Surge Shaft Top in Shelang village, to stabilize the slopes of the area, deteriorated naturally.</p> <p>Approximately 55200 trees have already been planted at TVHEP (through local forest department and villagers / Mahila Mangal Dals). In the month of July, 19 at village SEMA, Joshimath 11,000 nos of tree plantation done.</p> <p>In addition to above, Vetiver grass saplings have also been planted under muck treatment scheme for soil retention / conservation and 2550 nos of samplings have been planted by the project proponent within the project premises in the calendar year 2021.</p> <p>2566 nos of samplings have been planted by the project proponent within the project premises in the calendar year 2022</p>
(vi)	Financial provision should be made in the total budget of the project for implementation of the above suggested safeguard measures.	As per the approved CAT Plan, Rs 48.50 Cr has been deposited with CAMPA account. Out of Rs.48.50 Cr, Rs 10.98 Cr has been allocated for Environment & Ecological activities.
(vii)	A Multidisciplinary committee should be constituted with representatives from various disciplines of forestry, ecology, wildlife, soil conservation, NGO etc. to oversee the effective implementation of the suggested safeguard measures.	One of the major components of mitigation measures for environment protection works at the Project is Catchment Area Treatment Plan. This is also having a multi-disciplinary monitoring committee consisting of : PCCF – Chairman Secretary Agriculture or nominated representative – member Secretary Animal husbandry or nominated

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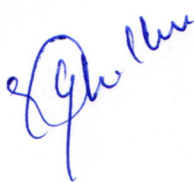
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	<p>representative – member Chief Project Director Jalagam Prabandh Nidesalaya – Member Representative of Head of Project, Tapovan Vishanugad HEPP– member Conservator of Forest – Member Nodal Officer cum Conservator of Forest - Member / Secretary Also Ministry of Energy, Govt. of Uttarakhand was approached in this regard. Govt. of Uttarakhand confirmed that a multidisciplinary project level committee to monitor & implement the environmental safeguards mentioned in Environment & Forest Clearances of each Hydro Projects has already been constituted vide Ref. No.(1591/04) 205/9-3–urja/02 dated 05.04.2004.</p> <p><u>Multi Disciplinary Committee</u> Commissioner Garhwal – Chairman District Magistrate – Member Director (CWC - Monitoring & Evaluation) – Member Dy. Conservator of Forest / Conservator of Forest – Member District Social Welfare Officer – Member District Agriculture Officer – Member District Horticulture Officer – Member Engineer-In-Charge of Irrigation Department – Member Chief Medical Officer – Member Two Non-Government Representatives nominated by Commissioner Garhwal Head of Project (NTPC) – Member / Secretary Both the multidisciplinary committees are independent. <i>Since meeting of Multi Disciplinary Committee has not been held for a long time to monitor the</i></p>
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		<p>CAT Plan implementation, a request has been made to the Additional Director, MoEF&CC vide letter TVHPP/EMG/2022/653 dated 09.02.2022 (Attached as Annexure-A) for constitution of multidisciplinary committee to oversee the implementation of CAT Plan. In continuation to above, an email dated 06.10.2022 (attached as Annexure-B) is addressed to the Additional Director, MOEF&CC seeking constitution of Multi-Disciplinary Committee to oversee the implementation of environmental safeguard measures at our project.</p>
(viii)	Six monthly monitoring reports should be submitted to the Ministry and its Regional Office, Dehradun for review.	Latest Half Yearly Compliance report for the period 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022 is enclosed herewith.
3	Officials from Regional Office, MOEF, Dehradun who would be monitoring the implementation of environmental safeguards should be given full cooperation, facilities and documents / data by the project proponents during their inspection.	Officials of MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Dehradun and PCB, Uttarakhand has visited Tapovan Vishnugad Hydro Electric Project on 08.02.2019 for monitoring the implementation of environmental safeguards. Recently Deputy Director, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Dehradun visited the project site on 17.11.2021 to ensure the implementation of stipulated conditions mentioned in Environment Clearance. All the inputs / documents have been provided as desired.
4	The responsibility of implementation of environmental safeguards rests fully with the NTPC & Government of Uttaranchal.	Noted and it shall be implemented during the operational phase of the project.
5	In case of change in the scope of the project, project would require a fresh appraisal.	Noted and the same shall be obtained, if required.

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6	The Ministry reserves the right to add additional safeguard measures subsequently, if found necessary and to take action including revoking of the clearance under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to ensure effective implementation of the suggested safeguard measures in a time-bound and satisfactory manner.	Noted.
7	This clearance letter is valid for a period of five years from the date of issue of this letter for commencement of construction work.	Noted.
8	A copy of the clearance letter will be marked to concerned Panchayat / local NGO, if any, from whom any suggestion / representation has been received while processing the proposal.	It has been complied.
9	State Pollution Control Board / Committee should display a copy of the clearance letter at the Regional Office, District Industries Centre and Collector's office / Tehsildar's office for 30 days.	It has been complied.
10	The project proponent should advertise at least in two local newspapers widely circulated in the region around the project, one of which shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned informing that the project has been accorded environmental clearance and copies of clearance letters are available with the State Pollution Control Board / Committee and may also be seen at Website of the Ministry of Environment and Forests at http://www.envfor.nic.in .	The intimation about accordance of Environmental Clearance to TVHEPP was published in two local newspapers AMARUJALA & DAINIK JAGRAN on 29.04.2005 & 30.04.2005 respectively.

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तपोवन विष्णुगढ़ / Tapovan Vishnugad

Ref: TVHPP/EMG/2022/653

Date :09.02.2022

To,

The Additional Director,
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2nd Floor, Vayu Block, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003

SUB :Constitution of Multi-Disciplinary Committee to oversee the implementation of the suggested measure at 520MW Tapovan Vishnugad Hydro Power Project (TVHPP) located in Chamoli Distt, Uttarakhand-reg .

Dear Sir,

This has reference to Part B: General condition no. (vii) stipulated under Environment Clearance issued to TVHPP, NTPC Limited for constitution of Multi-Disciplinary Committee to oversee the implementation of the suggested measures mentioned therein.

In this regard, earlier it was requested to Joint Secretary, IA (River Valley Projects) vide letter (Annexure-A) dated 20.11.2021 to constitute Mutli-Disciplinary Committee for monitoring the CAT Plan and oversee the implementation of the suggested safeguard measures. The pace of TVHPP CAT Plan implementation is also quite slow and needs to be monitored.

In view of above, It is requested to your kind office for issuance of necessary directives to the concerned for constitution of Mult-Disciplinary committee.

With regards.
Thanking you,
Yours Sincerely,

(C D Tewari)

Additional General Manager (EMG)

TVHPP, NTPC Limited

Request for constitution of MDC

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Dear Sir,

With reference to status of Part B: General condition no. (vii) of EC letter issued for TVHPP, NTPC Limited is proposing to constitute the Multi- Disciplinary Committee comprising of following members:

Sr No.	Name/ Post	Nomination
1	PCCF HoFF GoUK	Chairman
2	Head of Project, Tapovan Vishanugad HPP	Co-Chairman
3	Conservator of Forest, Gharwal Circle	Member
4	DFO, Alaknanda Soil Conservation Forest Division	Member
5	DFO, Kedarnath Wildlife Division	Member
6	DFO, Badrinath Division	Member
7	DFO, Nanda Devi National Park	Member
8	Deputy Director, Regional Office, MoEF&CC Dehradun	Member
10	Representative Environment Management Division, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun	Member
11	Officer- In Charge (Environment Management Group), TVHPP, NTPC Limited	Member
12	Scientist, Wildlife Institute of India	Member
14	NGO	2 Members

In view of above, it is requested to approve constitution of multi-disciplinary committee of aforementioned members. In addition to above members, it is also requested to nominate additional members if required.

With regards,

Thanking you,

सादर .

Chandra Dhar Tewari / चन्द्रधर तिवारी

Add. General Manager / अपर महाप्रबंधक

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