

No. J-12011/29/2007-IA-I
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
(IA.I Division)

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Dated: 25th April, 2018

To

The General Manager (S&E)
M/s. THDC India Limited,
Ganga Bhawan, Pragtipuram,
Bypass Raod,
Rishikesh - 249 201

Subject: Vishnugad Pipalkoti HEP (444 MW) in Charnoli District of Uttarakhand by M/s. THDC India Ltd. - Extension of validity of Environmental Clearance (EC) - regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to your letter No. THDC/RKSH/S&E/F-117/904(E) and THDC/RKSH/S&E/CAMP01 dated 1.5.2017 and 31.5.2017 on the above subject. The Environmental Clearance (EC) for this project was accorded on 22.8.2007 as per the provisions of EIA Notification, 1994 & 2006 for a period of 10 years and validity is ending on 21.8.2017. Your request for extension of validity of EC for further 3 years has been examined in the Ministry as well as by EAC in its meeting held on 31st May, 2017.

2. The EAC duly considered the relevant documents submitted by you and have recommended for extension of validity of EC for a period of 3 years. Accordingly, the Ministry hereby accords extension of the validity of the EC for 3 years i.e. from 22.8.2017 to 21.8.2020 to Vishnugad Pipalkoti HEP (444 MW) in Charnoli District of Uttarakhand by THDC India Ltd to commission the project with the following conditions:

- (i) The project proponent (PP) should ascertain that there shall not be any wash off during the rainy season beyond the retaining wall. PP should monitor the silt flow at the downstream and upstream of the river during monsoon season. Similarly, PP should provide adequate width having intermittent retaining bunds so that the silt is collected at the retaining bunds during rainy season and no silt is let out in to the river.
- (ii) The PP should opine that as and when any active dumps/muck disposal sites are getting inactive, immediate measures like both engineering and biological to be carried-out so that no silt is going into the downstream of the river.



- (iii) The PP should ensure that in case of generation of any top soil, a site exclusively for topsoil dumping and also make commitment that collection of topsoil and preservation of the same be made so that nutrient value of the soil is retained and utilized subsequently at the time of plantation, reclamation of muck dumps, etc.
- (iv) There should be benching of dumps of appropriate height and stabilization of slopes so that spoils of muck, etc. are not created during rainy season. In critical areas, use of geo-textile along the slope and provision of garland drains on the toe of dumps are to be provided for better stabilization and biological measures. This has to be strictly adhered to.
3. All the terms and conditions of the Environmental Clearance stipulated in Letter No. J-12011/29/2007-IA.I dated 22.8.2007, 18.1.2008 and 30.11.2012 remain unchanged.
4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. S. Kerketta)
Director

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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi -110 001.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, RD&GR, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi - 110001.
3. The Principal Secretary (Irrigation & Power), Government of Uttarakhand, Dehradun -248 006.
4. The Chief Engineer, Project Appraisal Directorate, Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhawan, R. K. Puram, New Delhi - 110 066.
5. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office (NCZ), Pearson Road, P.O. New Forest, Forest Research Institute (FRI) campus, Dehradun - 248006.
6. The Member Secretary, Uttarakhand Environment Protection & Pollution Control Board, Paryavaran Bhawan, E-115, Nehru Colony, Dehradun.
7. Guard File.



(Dr. S. Kerketta)
Director