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To

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Subject: WP (PIL) No. 137 of 2009 by Shri Ram Lal and others vs. Union of India in the High Court of Uttarakhand at Nanital regarding Environment Clearance to M/s Alaknanda Hydro Power Company for Srinagar Hydroelectric Project at Pauri District on Alaknanda River - Clarification regarding.

Sir,

This is with reference to the order dated 19th April, 2011 of the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand at Nanital in the above mentioned Writ Petition where the Hon'ble Court has directed this Ministry to give its specific decision as to the clearance of increased capacity of generation and increased height of the dam with reference to this Ministry's letter dated 27.7.1999. The Hon'ble Court has observed that

"the above mentioned letter is silent as to the clearance of increased capacity or increased heights in the dam though in the subject of the letter "Srinagar Hydroelectric Project (330 MW) in U.P. - transfer of environment clearance - regarding" the increased capacity is mentioned. It is argued on behalf of the respondent No.3 that since the above mentioned letter has been issued in response to the letter dated 25.1.1996, sent by DNHPCL it should be treated that the clearance has been given for the increased capacity".



जहाँ है हरियाली।
वहाँ है खुशहाली।।

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2. In compliance to the above mentioned order, you had submitted details vide your letter No. Nil, dated 7th May, 2011 seeking specific decision of the Ministry.

3. The matter has been reviewed by the Ministry and it is to clarify that while transferring the environment clearance dated 3rd May, 1985 to the Project in the name of Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board (UPSEB) to M/s Duncans North Hydro Power Company Limited vide this Ministry's letter No. 12011/6/96-IA-I dated 27.7.1999 (copy enclosed), the Ministry had duly reviewed the increased capacity from 200 MW (4x50 MW) to 330 MW (5X66 MW) and associated parameters like change in dam height from 73 m to 90 m from the deepest foundation and FRL from EL 604.0 m to 605.5 m. The Ministry also noted that there was a change in the submergence from 300 ha to 324.074 ha, however Forest land remained the same i.e. 338.96 ha. The Project has a valid Forest Clearance for 338.36 ha dated 15th April, 1987 which will be the final Forest Land for the project. Therefore, the final parameters for the project are as follows-

- (i) Submergence area - 324.074 ha
- (ii) Forest land for diversion - 338.86 ha
- (iii) Capacity - 330 MW (4x82.5MW)
- (iv) Dam height from the deepest foundation- 90 m
- (v) Dam height from the river bed level- 66 m
- (vi) FRL- EL 605.5 m
- (vii) MDDL- EL 603.0 m
- (viii) Dam top Road level- 611.0 m

4. In view of the above, I am directed to clarify that the transfer of environment clearance from DHPCL to Alaknanda Hydro Power Company Limited (AHPCL) vides this Ministry's letter no. J-12011/6/96-IA-I dated 27th March 2006 is for 330 MW capacity with the above mentioned parameters. The Ministry has further noted the change in the units from 6x55 MW to 4x82.5MW, as approved by CEA.

5. This has approval of the Component Authority.

Yours faithfully,



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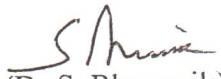
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27.7.99.

Subject:- Shrinagar Hydroelectric Project (330MW) in U.P. –
Transfer of Environmental clearance reg.

Duncans North Hydro Power Co. Ltd. may refer to their letter No. Nil dated 25th January, 1996 and subsequent letter dated 18th June, 1999 on the subject. The Ministry of Environment & Forests hereby transfers the environmental clearance of the above mentioned project dated 3.5.1985 in favour of Duncans North Hydro Power Co. Ltd. subject to the condition that the conditions stipulated in the aforesaid environmental clearance letter and any other condition if stipulated in future for protection of environment would be fulfilled and abided by Duncans North Hydro Power Co. Ltd.


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