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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Wildlife Division)

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**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024

To,

**The Chief Secretary,**  
Department of Forest and Environment,  
Government of Uttarakhand, Subhash Road,  
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**Sub:** Proposal for use of 400.89 ha for construction of Jamrani Drinking Water Multipurpose Project, Nanital, Uttarakhand in Dudhwa Lagga Tiger Corridor-  
**FP/UK/WATER/5918/2021.**

Sir,

Reference is invited to the subject mentioned above. The 78<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

2. After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to approve the proposal subject to the following conditions:

- I. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- II. The concerned territorial divisional forest officer/director shall monitor the implementation of the project regularly & report for the violation, if any.
- III. It shall be ensured that no labourer camp will be setup inside the forest area.
- IV. District Forest Officer shall ensure that all the activities in the corridor Management Plan shall be completed as per requirement.
- V. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
- VI. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 & all other acts, rules, regulations, guidelines, Hon'ble court Order(s) and pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.



- VII. The height of the proposed dam shall be marginally reduced for protection of the northern corridor.
- VIII. The component of power house proposed on the right bank of the Gola River in the project shall be dropped.
- IX. The project shall provide bridled paths on both sides of the dam-waterline at least two contour levels just below and above the proposed HFL of the dam to facilitate movement of wildlife which ideally use such paths for movement. Structure at dam connecting hills should be designed a fashion that tiger and other wildlife move freely without disturbance.
- X. A series of small bridges (minimum two) should be constructed at appropriate locations to facilitate the passage of wild animals. These should not be used for any regular communication of human beings except in case of emergency and /or inspection. One bridge should be constructed across Gola River where it meets another stream/river connecting the corridor in the east.
- XI. No development shall be allowed towards forests in the northern side of the Haldwani city. Corridor areas with human habitations shall be fenced off with sturdy chain-link fencing, both as a means to secure the corridor by minimizing anthropogenic pressures, as also to minimise any human-wildlife conflict. Bio-fencing shall also be taken up along the project boundary as per assessed need to reduce anthropogenic impacts in the area.
- XII. Following activities shall be undertaken by the State Forest Department with funding support from the User Agency:
  - a. A regular wildlife monitoring programme using latest tools such as camera traps, drones etc. to generate baseline data as also periodic changes in occupancy and other attributes in the project area;
  - b. A habitat enrichment programme for both the arms of the identified Tiger corridor in the Project Area so as to improve corridor connectivity in this area and this shall also be monitored regularly. Exact areas of this plantation, duration of the plantation, tree species to be used in the plantation, maintenance schedule shall be approved by the Forest Department. Regular monitoring of this activity shall be undertaken.
  - c. Strengthen the capacity of the Forest Department to effectively address challenges such as encroachment, illicit tree felling and poaching and use of modern patrolling monitoring tools such as MsTRIPES shall be encouraged.
- XIII. The mitigation measures proposed in both the Tiger Conservation Plan and in Wildlife Management Plan shall be undertaken.
- XIV. A long term study should be commissioned to regularly monitor for the wildlife in the corridor both during the construction and 5 years after commissioning of the project. These 10 yearlong studies must be carried



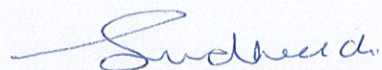


out by a reputed Institutions with domain knowledge and expertise with fund support from the User Agency.

- XV. A committee comprising of members from NTCA, WII, Forest Research Institute, State Forest Department shall be constituted by the State Forest Department to oversee the implementation of mitigation measures on a half yearly basis and submit their report to NTCA for strict compliance by the User Agency. The User Agency shall bear the expenses for the meetings of the Committee.
- XVI. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

3. The minutes of the meeting have been posted online in the "PARIVESH" portal of this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,



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