

850MW RATLE HE PROJECT, DISTRICT KISHTWAR, UT JAMMU AND KASHMIR

SIX MONTHLY COMPLIANCE REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS (for the period April 2021 to September 2021)

ANNEXURE-I

1	Name of Project	Ratle Hydro-Electric Project (850MW)	
2	Type of Project	Hydro-Electric Project (Run of the River scheme)	
3	Clearance letters OM No. and date		
	(a) Environment Clearance	(a) MoEF&CC letter No. J-12011/39/2010-IA.I dated 12.12.2012	
		MoEF&CC letter No. J-12011/39/2010-IA.I dated 27.09.2021 (according transfer of EC in the name of RHPCL).	
	(b) Forest Clearance	 (b) Order No. 234-FST of 2012 dated 27.04.2012 of GOJK (for diversion of 138.93 Ha Forest land) and No. 108-FST of 2014 dated 05.03.2014 of GOJK (for diversion of 29.13 Ha Forest land). The transfer of Forest Clearance in the name of RHPCL is under process. 	
4	Locations		
	(a) District(s)	(a) Kishtwar	
	(b) State	(b) Jammu and Kashmir	
	(c) Latitude	(c) 33 °10'43" N	
	(d) Longitude	(d) 75°48'26" E	



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5	Address for Correspondence	
	(a) Address of concerned	(a) Chief Executive Officer
	Project Head (with Pin	Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd.
	code, Telephone/Fax no.)	Ratle HE Project Shalimar Colony,
		Tehsil and District - Kishtwar,
		UT Jammu and Kashmir
		Pin code- 182 204
		Telephone:- 01995-295171 email id:rhpcl@nhpc.nic.in
		emaina.mper@mpc.mc.m
	(b) Address of concerned HOD	(b) Regd. Office:
	in Corporate Office (with Pin	Chief Executive Officer
	code, Telephone/Fax no.)	Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd.
		Room No. 08, Block No. 02, NHPC Regional Office,
		JDA Commercial Complex No. 01,
		Narwal, Jammu, (UT J&K) - 180 006
		email id:rhpcl@nhpc.nic.in
6	Details of Environmental Management Plan	Environmental Management Plans to be implemented at the Project as provided in the EMP Report are as follows:
		SI.No.Environmental Management Plan
		1 Biodiversity Management Plan
		2 Catchment Area Treatment Plan
		3 Fishery Development and Management Plan
		4 Solid Waste Management Plan
		5 Public Health Delivery System
		6 Energy Conservation Measures
		7 Muck Disposal Plan
		8 Landscaping & Restoration of Quarry & Construction Areas
		9 Air & Water Environment Management Plan
		10 Reservoir Rim Treatment Plan
		11 Compensatory Afforestation Plan
		12 Rehabilitation & Resettlement Plan



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		13 Dam Break Modelling & Disaster Management Plan
		14 Local Area Development Plan
		15 CSR Activities
		16 Local Skill Development Plan
		17 Environmental Monitoring Programme
7	Breakup for Project area (Land	Forest Land: 168.06 ha (138.93 ha + 29.13 ha)
	details)	Private Land : 55.52 ha
		State Land : 233.96 ha
		River Bed land : 138.81 ha
		Total Land : 596.35 ha
		Note:-Above details are as per GOJK Order No. 198-PDD of 2014 dated 15-10-2014 and No.108- FST of 2014 dated 05.03.2014
8	Breakup of Project affected	Details of PAFs
	population with enumerations of those losing house/dwelling units	Displaced PAFs : 80
	only, agriculture land only, both	Non Displaced PAFs : 160
	house and agriculture land and landless labours / artisians.	Total PAFs : 240
	(a) SC/ST/Adivasis	a) Scheduled Tribe : 17 families
	(b) Others	b) Rural Artisans/ Small Traders : 62 families
9	Financial Details	
	(a) Project cost as originally planned and subsequent revised estimates and the	a) Original TEA approved cost (2012): Rs. 5517.02 Cr (completion cost) Cabinet Investment sanction approved (2021):
	year of price reference	Rs.5281.94Cr (Nov 2018 PL)
	(b) Actual expenditure incurred on the Project so far	b) Actual expenditure The cost of work done on the Project at the time of its taking over by JVC (as assessed by IIT, Delhi) : 120.86 Cr



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ſ			Expenditure incurred by RHPCL (till September 2021) : Rs. 3.60 Cr
		(c) Allocation made for Environment Management	Allocations for EMP : Rs. 262.35 Cr (as approved by MoEF&CC)
		Plan	
		(d) Actual expenditure incurred on EMP so far	Details of actual expenditure incurred on EMP yet to be handed over by JKSPDC to RHPCL. The details of actual expenditure shall be incorporated in the report as and when the records of the Project are handed over by JKSPDC to RHPCL.
	10	Forest Land Requirements	
		 (a) Status of approval for diversion of Forest Land for non-forestry use (b) The status of clear felling of trees in Forest Land 	 (a) Sanction accorded by GOJK for diversion of 138.93 Ha Forest land for use vide Order No. 234-FST of 2012 dated 27.04.2012 and for diversion of 29.13 Ha Forest land for use vide Order No. 108- FST of 2014 dated 05.03.2014. The transfer of Forest Clearance in the name of RHPCL is under process. (b) Clear felling status:-The records regarding clear felling of trees in the forest land are yet to be handed over by JKSPDC to RHPCL.
	11	Status of Construction (a) Date of commencement (actual and/or planned)	 The EPC Tendering for construction of Project is under progress. (a) Planned date of commencement of major works of the Project : 11.01.2022 (11 months from the date of Investment approval).
		(b) Date of completion (actual and/or planned)	 (b) Date of completion (planned): 10.02.2026 (60 months from the date of Investment approval).



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12	Reasons for the delay (If the	Not Applicable.
	Project is yet to be started)	(As per Cabinet Investment sanction dated 11.02.2021, Ratle HE Project is to be executed by JV of NHPC and JKSPDC with completion period of 60 months from the date of Investment approval)
13	Details of Site visits	
	(a) By Monitoring Committee (b) By Regional Office	Records regarding details of site visits are yet to be handed over by JKSPDC to RHPCL.
14.	Brief note on the status of compliance of the conditions stipulated by MOEF&CC	Details are enclosed as Appendix-I .



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Appendix-I

STATUS OF COMPLIANCE OF CONDITIONS STIPULATED BY MoEF&CC, Govt. of India

(Environment Clearance letter No. J-12011/39/2010-IA.I dated 12.12.2012 and No. J-12011/39/2010-IA.I dated 27.09.2021)

SI. No.		Spec	ific Co	onditio	ns		Compliance Status
i	The Catchmo proposed in undertaken in Department a before impou	the n cons and m	EIA/E ultatio ajor w	MP R n with ork sha	leport the St	shall ate Fore	be est - The records regarding implementation of EMPs till date are yet to be banded
	Item	I Year	II Year	III Year	IV Year	Total	
	Biological Measu		rear	rear	rear		
	Afforestation (ha)	2243	1747	923	-	4913	
	Enrichment Plantation (ha)	-	112	79	-	191	
	Pasture Development	-	376	195	-	591	
	Nursery Development (Nos)	3	-	-	-	3	
	Watch & ward (Nos)	240	240	240	240	960	
	Engineering Mea	asures	T	r	1	1	
	Contour Bunding (ha)	434	409	324	171	1338	
	Check Dams (NOs)	50	25	30	20	125	
ii	All the com hearing shall				•	the pub	lic Shall be complied
							- The R&R Plan of the Project was approved by GOJK in 2013 after consultations with all stakeholders and duly considering the aspirations and demands of local people.
						- The revised updated Estimate of R&R Plan of the Project is under examination by GOJK for its approval by the Empowered Committee/ Department of DMRRR.	



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	The details of land holding of project affected persons whose land is being acquired shall be submitted to this ministry. The R&R benefits for the land losing households will be as per the National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy, 2007 (NRRP,2007) or as per the State Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy, whichever is higher. Adequate publicity of the compensation package shall be made in the	 Shall be complied The details regarding land holdings of Project Affected Persons are yet to be handed over by JKSPDC to RHPCL. Rehabilitation & Resettlement Package for Ratle HE Project was sanctioned by GOJK in 2013 vide Order No. 91-PDD of 2013 dated 21.03.2013 for a total amount of Rs. 110.00 Crore.
	affected villages.	 The above R&R Package sanctioned by GOJK includes the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan (Rs. 20.00 Crore) prepared on the basis of NRRP 2007, Local Area Development Plan including Skill Development Plan (Rs. 60.00 Crore) and Corporate Social Responsibility Plan (Rs.30.00 Crore).
		- A part of R&R benefits as per the approved Plan stand already released to the beneficiaries however, the exact details of payment to beneficiaries is not available as the records of the Project are yet to be handed over by JKSPDC to RHPCL.
		 The revised updated Estimate of R&R Plan of the Project is under examination by GOJK for its approval by the Empowered Committee/ Department of DMRRR.
		 As per R&R Plan sanctioned by GOJK, the Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar has been appointed as the Commissioner R&R for implementation of R&R Plan.
iv	A Monitoring Committee for R&R shall be constituted which must include representatives of project affected persons from SC/ST category and a women beneficiary.	Shall be complied -The records pertaining to Monitoring Committee constituted for R&R Plan are yet to be handed over by JKSPDC to RHPCL.



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	Consolidation and compilation of muck shall be carried- out only in the designated muck dumping sites as submitted in the EIA/EMP report. As per the proposed muck disposal plan, out of 24.4 lakh m3 of muck to be generated due to excavation, about 50% (i.e.12.2 lakh m3) will be utilized for construction purpose and the remaining 12.2 lak m3 will be dumped at the 3 designated areas in an allocated area of 30.59 ha. The identified muck dumping sites shall be at-least 30m horizontally away from the edge of the river corresponding to high flood level (HFL).	Shall be complied - The disposal of unused muck shall be carried out only at designated muck dumping sites as per the Muck Disposal Plan proposed in the EMP.
vi	Muck dumping sites should be handed over to Forest Department only after restoration including plantations etc.	Shall be complied
Vii	A provision of an additional unit of 30 MW has been made in the project, which will be running for 24 hours continuously to maintain a minimum discharge of 33.43, cumecs/sec, during the lean season from November-February (About 27% of lean season) at the downstream, shall be strictly adhered-to. Monsoon flow shall be at least 30% of the Monsoon discharge.	Shall be complied - The stipulated seasonal-flows shall be maintained during Project operation.
viii	An Auto mechanism/by pass arrangement in dam design shall be made to ensure release of environmental flow water in event of the 30 MW turbine or when it is put under maintenance.	 Shall be complied To ensure continuous release of environmental flow, the maintenance of 30MW turbine shall be planned only in Monsson season when all main Units are in operation 24X7. Also to ensure continuous release of environmental flow in the event of 30MW turbine being under maintenance, the provision has been kept in Plant Control & Monitoring (SCADA) system for control of reservoir level and downstream release consideration for environmental flow.



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ix	Continuous Monitoring system for environmental flow measurement shall be installed and data shall be displayed at appropriate site for information of civil society, stake holders and regulators. Six monthly results shall be submitted to the regional Office of the Ministry and SPCB.	Shall be complied
x	Real time telemetry and data acquisition system including all weather hydro metrological stations shall be installed for in-flow monitoring and advance flood warning. Advance flood warning and advance communication systems shall be installed in consultation with the downstream District Authorities.	Shall be complied
xi	As proposed in the EMP, the compensatory Afforestation Programme on 277.84 ha of land with 13 plant species shall be undertaken in consultation with the State Forest Department. Native species should be preferred in plantation. The allocated grant of Rs.1467.59 lakhs for this purpose shall be fully utilized and not to be diverted for any other purpose.	 Compensatory Afforestation Programme shall be undertaken through J&K Forest Department by paying allocated grant. The Utilization Certificate against the payment of allocated grant shall be taken from J&K Forest Department to ensure that amount is fully utilized and not diverted for any other purpose.
xii	Greenbelt development along the approach roads, residential areas, office complex, dam site and other working areas shall be undertaken. The allocated budget of Rs.73 lakhs for this purpose shall be fully utilized and not to be diverted to any other purpose.	- Shall be undertaken through J&K Forest Department as proposed in EMP
xiii	As proposed in the EMP, the Biodiversity Conservation and Wildlife Management Plans shall be taken up and implementation shall be included in the sixth monthly compliance report to be submitted to the Ministry, including its Regional Office.	Shall be complied



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xiv	Indigenous plant species should be used for implementation of Biodiversity Management Plan and for Compensatory Afforestation. Expertise from R&D Centers may be used for propagation techniques. Provision should also be made to include researchers to implement these Plans and carrying out plantation.	Shall be complied
XV	Equipment likely to generate high noise levels shall meet the ambient noise standards as notified under the noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules 2000, as amended in 2010 under Environment Protection Act (EPA), 1986. For this, necessary insulation arrangement etc. to be ensured.	Shall be complied
xvi	A provision of Rs. 30 Crores earmarked towards the Local Area Development Activities (LADA) shall be fully utilized and not to be diverted for any other purpose. The implementation of activities as submitted to the Ministry shall be taken up as soon possible. In addition, a grant of Rs. 30 Crores earmarked for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Rs.30 Crores for skill development purpose shall also be duly utilized and not to be diverted for any other purpose.	- Implementation of Local Area Development Activities, Corporate Social Responsibility activities and Skill Development Plan shall be ensured by Commissioner R&R/ District Administration in line with the approval of the R&R Package.
xvii	LADA activities may be undertaken by M/s Ratle Hydro Electric Project Pvt. Ltd to enhance delivery mechanism for operational point of view.	 Implementation of LADA activities shall be ensured by Commissioner R&R/ District Administration in line with the approval of the R&R Package.
xviii	Tie-ups shall be made with existing city hospitals for disposal of Bio-medical waste in case district hospital at Kishtwar does not have the facility for handling biomedical waste as proposed in the report.	Shall be complied
xix	Any other clearance from other organization/department, if required, shall be obtained before commencement of the project	Shall be complied



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SI. No.	General Conditions	Compliance status
i	Adequate arrangement for providing free fuel like kerosene/wood/LPG shall be made at project cost for the labour engaged in the construction work so that indiscriminate felling of trees is prevented.	Shall be complied
ii	Medical facilities as well as recreational facilities shall also be provided to labourers.	Shall be complied
iii	All the labourers to be engaged for construction works shall be thoroughly examined by health personal and adequately treated before issuing them work permit.	Shall be complied
iv	No fugitive dust emissions should be observed at the construction sites. Water sprinkling arrangements should be made to suppress the fugitive emissions.	Shall be complied
V	Potable drinking water and proper sanitary facilities shall be provided for the labour force and the local area people.	Shall be complied
vi	Restoration of construction area including dumping site of excavated materials shall be ensured by leveling, filling up of burrow pits, landscaping etc. The area should be properly treated with suitable plantation.	Shall be complied
vii	Environmental parameters shall be monitored regularly and six monthly reports shall be submitted to the regional Office of the Ministry and State Pollution Control Board for review.	Shall be complied - The sampling & monitoring of environmental quality parameters at Project sites shall be carried out on regular basis as proposed in the EMP.



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Viii	The project proponent shall also submit six monthly compliance reports of the stipulated EC conditions (both hard copies as well as by e- mail) to the respective Regional Office of MoEF and State Pollution Control Board. Monitoring report and compliance report shall be up-loaded on the web-site of project proponent.	Shall be complied
	Other Conditions mentioned	in the EC Letter
5.	The Project Proponent shall provide full cooperation and all required documents, data and access to the Officials of Regional Office of MoEF who would be monitoring the implementation of environmental safeguards.	Shall be complied
6.	Besides the above stated conditions, M/s Ratle hydro Electric Project Pvt. Ltd and Government of Jammu & Kashmir shall also implement all other environmental safeguards, as proposed in the EIA/EMP report and other reports from time to time. The J&K Government may also like to monitor implementation of EMP at regular interval.	Shall be complied
7.	Any change in the scope of the project shall be intimated to the Ministry and fresh approval, if required, shall be taken from the Ministry.	Shall be complied
10.	A Multi-disciplinary committee for monitoring the implementation of environmental safe guards during construction shall be constituted by the Project Proponent in consultation with the Ministry as early as possible. The Proponent shall suggest the members and their profile for approval of the Ministry. Proponent shall organize six monthly meetings of the committee and submit the monitoring report to the Ministry.	Shall be complied



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11.	A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the Proponent to local Panchayat, Zila parishad/Municipal Corporation, Urban local body and local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions / representations were received while processing the proposal. The clearance letter shall also be put on its web-sites by the project proponent.	Shall be complied
12.	The 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 letter 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.	Shall be complied
13	After 5 years of the commissioning of the Project, a study shall be undertaken regarding impact of the project on the environment and downstream ecology. The study shall be undertaken by an independent agency, to be decided in consultation with the Ministry.	Shall be complied
14	The project proponent shall also submit six monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated EC conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well as by e-mail) including the respective Regional office of MoEF and Zonal Office of CPCB and SPCB.	Shall be complied - 06 monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated EC conditions shall be timely submitted.

*The records regarding implementation of EMP in compliance to the EC conditions are yet to be handed over by JKSPDC to RHPCL. The above information shall be suitably updated upon receipt of records and shall be submitted for kind information of MoEF&CC.

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ANNEXURE-II

Ratle HE Project (850 MW)

(Status Report)

Ratle Hydro-Electric Project is a run-of-river scheme proposed on river Chenab in District Kishtwar of UT Jammu and Kashmir with installed capacity of 850MW. The Project envisages construction of 133mtr high (from deepest foundation level) Concrete Gravity Dam, an underground Power House to accommodate 4 units of capacity 205MW each and one Auxiliary Unit of capacity 30MW.

Initially, the construction of Project was taken up by J&KState Power Development Corporation through M/s GVK however the work was stopped in 2014. The plan for execution of the Project was revived by Ministry of Power, GOI in 2018 in consultation with Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir. The MoU was signed on 03.02.2019 and subsequently, supplementary MoU was signed on 03.01.2021 between NHPC (51%) and JKSPDC (49%) for formation of new Joint Venture for execution of Ratle HE Project. The new JV with the name "Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd." Was incorporated on 01.06.2021 for execution of 850MW Ratle HE Project.

Clearance	Status
Appraisal by CEA	TEA accorded by CEA on 19.12.2012
Forest Clearance (by J&K State Govt.)	Forest Clearance has been accorded by Govt. of J&K on 27.04.2012 (for diversion of 138.93 Ha Forest land) and on 05.03.2014 (for diversion of 29.13 Ha Forest land). The transfer of FC in the name of RHPCL is under process with GOJK.
Environment Clearance	Accorded by MoEF&CC vide letter No. J-12011/39/2010-IA.I dated 12.12.2012. The EC was transferred by MoEF&CC in the name of RHPCL vide communication No. J-12011/39/2010-IA.I dated 27.09.2021.
Indus water Clearance	IWT clearance has been accorded by MOWR (Indus Wing) on 16.08.2012. Vide letter dated 02.07.2021, MoWR (Indus Wing) has confirmed the validity of IWT Clearance of the Project in favour of RHPCL.
PIB/CCEA Clearance	Cabinet has accorded the Investment sanction of Rs. 5281.94Cr for implementation of 850MW Ratle HE Project communicated vide MoP letter dated 11.02.2021.

1. <u>Status of Clearances:</u>



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R&R Plan Approval	Vide Order No. 91-PDD of 2013 dated 21.03.2013 issued by GOJK in terms of Cabinet decision No. 44/7/2013 dated 15.03.2013, the sanction has been accorded by GOJK to the Rehabilitation & Resettlement Package of the Project for a total amount of Rs. 110 Crore. As per MoU, the rates of R&R Plan are to be revised as provided in case of R&R Plan of Kishanganga HE Project of NHPC and accordingly, the updated estimate of R&R Plan of Ratle HE Project stands submitted by RHPCL to GOJK for examination/ approval by the Empowered Committee/ Department of DMRRR.
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*Note: All Clearances are to be transferred in the name of RHPCL before commencement of construction activities.

2. Award of construction works

The EPC Tender for construction of Ratle HE Project was published on 22/07/2021 and the bids for the EPC Tender were opened on 05/11/2021. Total 4 Nos. bids have been received and are under the process of evaluation. As per Cabinet Order for sanction of Project, the construction worksare scheduled to be commenced by January 2022.

3. Status of Land Acquisition and transfer of land to RHPCL

As per Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir Order No. 198-PDD of 2014 dated 15-10-2014 regarding sanction of lease, State land measuring 233.96 Ha and Private land measuring 55.52 Ha has been acquired by JKSPDC through concerned Revenue Collectorate(s) of J&K Govt. for construction of Ratle HE Project in terms of Jammu and Kashmir State Land Acquisition Act. Further, sanction has also been accorded by GOJK for use of land measuring 138.81 Ha falling under river bed. The Awarded amount on account of acquisition of land stands deposited by JKSPDC with concerned Revenue Collectorate(s) and in most of the cases, the compensation stands disbursed by the Revenue Authorities among the land Owners. Further, vide communication dated 09.07.2021, RHPCL has taken up the matter with Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir for transfer of Project land from JKSPDC to RHPCL. The transfer of land to RHPCL is under process by Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir. The matter regarding handing over/ taking over of Assets pertaining to the Project is also under process.

4. Status of R&R Plan Implementation

Vide Order No. 91-PDD of 2013 dated 21.03.2013 issued by GOJK in terms of Cabinet decision No. 44/7/2013 dated 15.03.2013, the sanction had been accorded to the Rehabilitation & Resettlement Package of 850MW Ratle HE Project for a total amount of Rs. 110.00 Crore. The above R&R Package sanctioned by GOJK includes the



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Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan (Rs. 20.00 Crore), Local Area Development Plan including Skill Development Plan (Rs. 60.00 Crore) and Corporate Social Responsibility Plan (Rs.30.00 Crore). A part of R&R benefits as per the approved Plan stand already released to the beneficiaries however, exact details of payment are not available as the records of the Project are yet to be handed over by JKSPDC to RHPCL.

Further, as per Clause V(a) of the MOU signed for incorporation of RHPCL, the rates of the items of the R&R Plan shall be as provided in the case of Kishanganga HE Project of NHPC.As such, the revised updated Estimate of R&R Plan of the Project stands submitted to the Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir for further examination and approval by the Empowered Committee/ Department of DMRRR vide communication dated 07.09.2021 and 05.11.2021. The approval to the updated R&R Plan of Ratle HE Project is awaited.

5. Status of Infrastructure works

- i) Access roads/ Path ways leading to major structures like Dam, DT, Power House etc. are being restored.
- ii) A temporary Office setup has been done at Project site, Drabhshalla.
- iii) Construction Power- 33/11 KV receiving station for Ratle HE Project constructed (partially) through J&K Power Development Department and the same is not functional presently.
- iv) The Colonies / residential structures have been partially constructed at two different sites which are required to be renovated for use. However, these structures are yet to be handed over by JKSPDC to RHPCL.
- v) Power supply for site Office: The electricity connection to the buildings is yet to be provided through LT Distribution Network /Grid Power for which the matter has been taken up by RHPCL with JKPDD.
- vi) Construction of Security Barracks- The security barracks / security posts have been partially constructed at some locations.
- vii) Demarcation of land: The Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar has constituted a Committee of Revenue Officers for demarcation of entire land acquired for Ratle HE Project before handing over of same to RHPCL. The demarcation exercise is scheduled to be started by December 2021.
- *Note: The assets and records pertaining to Ratle HE Project are yet to be taken over by RHPCL from JKSPDC, for which the exercise is under process.

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