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Dated: November, 2025

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla

Sub: Clarification/guidelines regarding charging of cost of trees in transmission line cases –reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the PCCF & HoFF, Government of Himachal Pradesh's letter no. No. HPFD-F05/297/2024-FCA dated 24.09.2025 on the above subject seeking clarification on charging of cost of trees in transmission line cases and to say that after examination of the matter in the ministry, the following is clarified:

In light of provisions of guidelines given at Annexure-IV regarding 'General and Standard conditions to be stipulated while granting approval under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, it is evident that the cost of trees to be felled shall only be charged from the user agency. Trees that remain intact and are not required to be felled shall not attract any charges. Further, there is no rationale in charging the felling cost for trees that are neither being felled nor proposed to be felled in the future. However, if at any later stage the felling of such trees becomes necessary, the State may levy the applicable felling cost at that time.

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Yours faithfully,

(**Charan Jeet Singh**)
Scientist 'E'

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1. PCCF & HoFF, State Forest Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
2. Nodal Officers (Van Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), O/o PCCF & HoFF, State Forest Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
3. Dy Director (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chandigarh
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