

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 48.83 ha of forest land for construction of Markatola Tank in favour of Water Resource Department, Rajnandgaon under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Rajnandgaon District in the State of Chhattisgarh-reg.

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1. The State Government of Chhattisgarh vide their letter No. F-5-6/2018/10-2 dated 21.03.2018 submitted the above mentioned proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
2. The facts related to the proposal as contained in the State Government's letter dated 21.03.2018 are given below in the form of fact sheet:

FACT SHEET

1.	Name of the Proposal	Proposal for diversion of 48.83 ha of forest land for construction of Markatola Tank in favour of Water Resource Department, Rajnandgaon under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Rajnandgaon District in the State of Chhattisgarh
2.	Location (i) State (ii) District	Chhattisgarh Rajnandgaon
3.	Particulars of Forests: (i) Name of Forest Division and Forest area involved. (ii) Legal status/Sy.No.	Rajnandgaon Forest Division 48.83 ha Protected Forest Land
4.	Vulnerability to erosion	Not prone to erosion
5.	(i) Vegetation (ii) Density (iii) No. of trees enumerated/to be actually felled	--- 0.5, Site quality-V 7910 trees
6.	Whether area is significant from wildlife point of view	No
7.	Whether forms part of National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc. (if so, details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden	No
8.	Whether any RET species of flora and fauna are found in the area. If so details thereof	No
9.	Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	Proposed area is within the compartment
10.	Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monuments is located in the area.	No
11.	Whether any work of in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980	No

	has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	
12.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project, if no recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	Yes
13.	Whether clearance under the Environment (protection) Act, 1986 is required?	Yes Not obtain by the user agency
14.	Compensatory Afforestation	It is mentioned that the instant proposal has no exemption for compensatory afforestation
	(i) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for CA, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patches.	Nothing is mentioned about CA in Part-II of the form A. However, in the forwarding letter it is mentioned that the Compensatory Afforestation has been identified over 102.237 ha (92.237 ha in vill. Parevadeeh and 10.00 ha in village Manhora) in double Orange forest land. (Pg. 01-02/c) Rs. 3,00,11,100.00
	(ii) Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for CA and adjoining forest boundaries.	
	(iii) Detailed CA scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.	
	(iv) Total financial outlay for CA	
	(v) Certificate from the competent authority regarding suitability of the area identified for CA and from management point of view.	
15.	Catchment Area Treatment	CAT plan is not given by the project proponent stating that there is not requirement (Pg- 79/c)
16.	Rehabilitation of Oustees a) No of families involved b) Category of families c) Details of rehabilitation plan	Nil NA NA
17.	Employment likely to be generated a) Whether the project is likely to generate employment b) Permanent/ Regular Employment (Number of person) c) Temporary Employment (Number of person-days)	Yes 10 20
18.	Compliance of Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006	FRA certificate is given (Pg-232/c) . However, documentary evidences are not given.

19.	Site Inspection Report by CF	Pg-86-87/c
20.	Total period for which the forest land is proposed to be diverted (in years)	1 (One) year (Pg. 17/c)
21.	Cost Benefit Ratio	1:0.468 (pg-43/c) Cost benefit ratio has not been calculated as per latest guidelines dated 01.08.2017 issued vide this Ministry.
22.	Total Cost of the Project	Rs 1347.89 (Rupees in lakhs)
23.	Recommendation i. DFO ii. CCF iii. PCCF/Nodal Officer iv State Government	Proposal may be recommended subject to following conditions: (Pg-26/c) 1. The project proponent shall not violate the provisions of Indian Forest Act, 1927, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and Biodiversity Act, 2002. 2. Clearing of forest land shall not be done and breaking of forest land shall not be done 3. No damage to the flora and fauna shall be caused. 4. Environment shall not be polluted. 5. Temporary road shall not be constructed in forest area. Recommended (Pg-88/c) Recommended (Pg-89/c) Recommended (Pg-90/c)
24.	District Profile (i) Total Geographical area of the district (ii) Total Forest area/ Divisional Forest area (iii) Total area diverted since 1980 (iv) Total CA stipulated since 1980 (Forest land) a. Forest land including penal CA b. Non Forest Land (v) Progress of Compensatory Afforestation a. Forest land b. Non Forest land	5378.94 Sq. Km. 1547.94 Sq. Km. 657.16 ha No No No No

The facts related to the above proposal may be placed before FAC in its next meeting to be held on 17.05.2018 for their examination and appropriate recommendation.
