

F. No. 8-32/2018-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi: 110003,

Dated: 14th June, 2018

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forest),
Government of Chhattisgarh.
Raipur

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.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh's letter No. F-5-6/2018/10-2 dated 21.03.2018 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 17.05.2018 is placed on the website of this Ministry: www.forestclearance.nic.in. After careful consideration and discussion on the facts placed before FAC, the Committee recommended that:

- (i) Compensatory afforestation is proposed over 100 ha of Orange Forest land in lieu of forest area sought for diversion. On analysis on DSS it is observed that some compartment of the proposed CA area is falling in protected Forest. Since present proposal is a state government project, double degraded forest area for CA cannot be accepted and need reverification. State government shall revise the CA scheme and the area proposed for CA plantation and submit it along with DSS analysis report for consideration of FAC.
- (ii) Detail land use plan of the proposed area is not given. State government shall submit land use plan.
- (iii) As per enumeration list of trees to be felled submitted by state government it is observed that 7910 trees are to be felled but in DFO recommendation it is reported that cleaning of forest and breaking of land shall not be done. This recommendation of DFO may be clarified.

(iv) As per description provided in the proposal it is mentioned that the total period for which forest land is proposed for diversion is only for one year. This detail need further clarification from state government.

(v) State government shall submit cost benefit analysis as per latest guidelines dated 01.08.2017 issued by MoEF&CC.

In view of above, the State Govt. is requested to provide the information/documents/clarification on the points indicated above for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,


(Sandeep Sharma) 14.6.18

Assistant Inspector General of Forest (FC)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o the PCCF, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
4. The User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF, New Delhi.
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