

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**

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**Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2022**

To

**The Regional Officer,**  
Integrated Regional Office,  
MoEF&CC, Lucknow.

**Sub: Diversion of 115.874 ha. of forest land in favour of M/s Jaiprakash Associates Ltd. for proposed diversion of forest land at village Kota in Tehsil Robertsganj, District Sonbhadra for JP Super cement plant & it's township (a unit of Jaiprakash Associates Ltd. Sector 128, Noida) in District Sonbhadra, State Uttar Pradesh- reg.**

Madam/Sir,

Kindly refer to the Integrated Regional Office, MoEFCC, Lucknow letter no. 8A/UP/09/1177/2019/FC/169 dated 06.06.2022 on the above mentioned subject.

In this regard, the IRO, Lucknow vide letter dated 06.06.2022 has forwarded the State Government's reply dated 30.05.2022 wherein the State Government has informed that out of 118.850 ha non-forest land, only 35 ha is suitable for planting. As evident from the reply, the issues raised vide this Ministry's letter dated 14.12.2021 have not been addressed.

It is pertinent to mention here that as per condition No. A (iii) of Stage-I Approval dated 15.04.2021, the IRO, Lucknow need to examine the suitability of non-forest land pledged for CA and penal CA prior to submission of the same for 'Final'/Stage II approval to the Ministry.

The State Government is therefore required to provide areas free from all encumbrances.. The State Govt therefore be asked to do the needful and submit the revised detail(including KML files) of the suitable patches which will be verified by the IRO.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-**  
**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

- i. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow;

- ii. The PCCF & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow;
- iii. The Nodal Officer, (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow;
- iv. User Agency;
- v. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.