

Sub: Diversion of 41.05 ha of forest land closed under section 4 & 5 of PLPA 1900 in favour of Head-Administration, translation Health Science and Technology Institute, NCR Biotech Science Cluster, Faridabad for setting up of Translation Research Teaching and training in Biotechnology & Animal Research Laboratory along Gurugram-faridabad road, at village Bhankri under forest division and district Faridabad, Haryana - regarding.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Haryana vide their letter No. Admin-D-3-8305/1534 Panchkula dated 20.07.2018 forwarded a fresh proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Govt. in terms of the section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 41.05 ha of forest land closed under section 4 & 5 of PLPA 1900 in favour of Head-Administration, translation Health Science and Technology Institute, NCR Biotech Science Cluster, Faridabad for setting up of Translation Research Teaching and training in Biotechnology & Animal Research Laboratory along Gurugram-faridabad road, at village Bhankri under forest division and district Faridabad, Haryana.

The facts related to the proposal as contained in the State Government's letter dated 20.07.2018 are given below in the form of fact sheet:

1.	Name of the Proposal	Diversion of 41.05 ha of forest land closed under section 4 & 5 of PLPA 1900 in favour of Head-Administration, translation Health Science and Technology Institute, NCR Biotech Science Cluster, Faridabad for setting up of Translation Research Teaching and training in Biotechnology & Animal Research Laboratory along Gurugram-faridabad road, at village Bhankri under forest division and district Faridabad, Haryana.
2.	Location:	
	State	Haryana.
	Districts	Faridabad.
	Category	Others.
	Total period for which the forest land is proposed to be diverted (in year).	99
3.	Detail of user agency	
	Name of the user agency	National Capital Region Biotech Science Cluster.
	Nature of user agency	State Government.
4.	Particular of Forests	
	Name of Forest Division	Faridabad Forest Division.
	Area of Forest land for Diversion	41.05 Ha.
	Legal Status of Forest land	Not Given
	Density of Vegetation	Not Given
5.	Maps	
	i. Differential GPS map of the area proposed for diversion	Not Given.

	ii. Differential GPS map of the area identified for raising CA	Not Given.
	iii. Survey of India toposheet on 1:50,000 scale showing the area proposed for diversion	Not Given.
	iv. Survey of India toposheet on 1:50,000 scale showing the area identified for CA	(Pg. 75A-75G/c).
	v. Land use plan	Given at page 41-42/c.
	vi. Forest Cover map	Not given.
6.	Vegetation	
	i. Species-wise and diameter class wise enumeration of trees.	Not applicable
	ii. Density	
	iii. Number of trees to be felled	
	iv. Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed for diversion.	
7.	Vulnerability of area to soil erosion	Area is not vulnerable from erosion point of view.
8.	Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion;	NA
9.	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	-0-
10.	Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone(ESZ) of the Protected Area notified Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a protected area is not notified, then, 10 KM distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ):	-No-
11.	Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. (if so, the details of the area the comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed)	-No-
12.	Whether any rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area if so, details thereof.	-No-
13.	Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	-No-
14.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	-Yes-
15.	Whether any work in violation of the Act 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 under progress.	-No-

16.	Details of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme:		
	i. Details of non-forest area/ degraded forest area identified for compensatory Afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.	<p>The Compensatory Afforestation proposed is double degraded forest land i.e. 96.618 ha. of double degraded forest land for plantation in Mahendergarh district. The CA scheme with the provisions of the maintenance for 10 years has been submitted and a copy of the same is available at page 63-73/c. However, the DSS analysis found 240.5653 ha under CA.</p> <p>((Pg. 75A-75G/c)</p> <p>District – Mahendergarh Area – 82.10 ha, 14.518 ha.</p> <p>Compartment</p>	
	ii. Map showing non-forest/ double degraded forest area identified for compensatory Afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.		
	iii. Detailed compensatory Afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing Agency, time schedule, cost structure etc.		
	iv. Total financial outlay for compensatory Afforestation scheme.		Rs. 9,77,20,662.00
	v. Certificate from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory Afforestation and from management point of view. To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservatory of Forests.		The Certificate from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for Compensatory Afforestation copy of the same is available and the same is available at (Pg. 77 /c).
17.	Documentary evidence in support of settlement of rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted enclosed.	<u>Documentary evidences in support of settlements of rights under the Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 has not submitted by the State Government.</u>	
18.	Site Inspection Report of the Divisional Forest Officer.	The Site Inspection Report carried out by the Divisional Forest Officer, Gurugram, Haryana, copy of the same may kindly be seen at (Pg. 65/c).	
19.	Whether the project requires environment clearance.	No, as reported by user agency.	
20.	Status of Wildlife clearance.	Not applicable	
21.	Rehabilitation of Oustee	-No-	
	Number of SC Families		
	Number of ST families		
	Number of Backward Families		
	Copies of R&R Plan		
22.	Cost Benefit Analysis	Not applicable	
23.	Total Cost of the project	Rupees 50,000.00 lakh	
24.	Employment Potential	Regular Employment = 100 Temporary Employment = 250	
25.	Undertakings to bear the cost of CA and NPV	Given at page 59 and 61.	
26.	Profile of the District / Department / Damoh Division.		
	Geographical Area of the Dist.	210500.00 Ha.	
	Total Forest Area	4605.00 Ha.	

	Total area diverted since 1980	Area 328.00 ha. Number of case - 154
	Total area proposed for afforested since 1980	61.48 ha Degraded forest land ---- ha Penal CA over Forest land -----ha. Non-forest land 44.50 ha
	Total area afforested since 29.05.2017	Degraded forest land ---- ha Forest land ---- ha. Non-forest land -----ha.
27.	Recommendation with Specific conditions, (if any)	
	DFO	Recommended. (at page no. 27-31/c)
	CF	Recommended. (at page no. 33/c)
	PCCF/ Nodal Officer (FCA)	Recommended. (at page no. 35/c)
	State Govt.	Recommended. (at page no. 37/c)

Observation:

- (i) The CA land proposed by the user agency was found to be 96.618 ha whereas; a total of 240.5653 ha was reported as per the DSS analysis. The reason must be cleared from user agency.
- (ii) The detailed and comprehensive Compensatory Afforestation Scheme is not provided by the user agency.
- (iii) They have said that, they will invest 30% of total CA for soil and moisture conservation, whereas no such Soil and Water conservation plan is submitted by the user agency.
- (iv) It was observed by the DFO that 1153 trees and 7259 saplings are present in the area. It was not mentioned by the user agency that whether there any felling of trees are involved or not. If the accordingly the cost benefit ratio must be given by the user agency.

In view of the above facts related to the proposal, it is proposed that proposal may be submitted to the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), in its meeting scheduled to be held on **30.08.2018**.
