

F. No. 8-07/2019-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: 28th August, 2019

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests)
Department of Environment and Forest
Government of Uttar Pradesh
Lucknow

Sub: Diversion of 115.874 ha. of Forest land in favour of M/S Jai Prakash Associates Ltd. for proposed diversion of forest land at village Kota in Tahsil Robertsganj, district Sonbhadra for JP Super Cement plant & it's township (A unit of Jai Prakash Associates Ltd. Sec. 128, Noida) in District Sonbhadra , State Uttar Pradesh.-regarding.

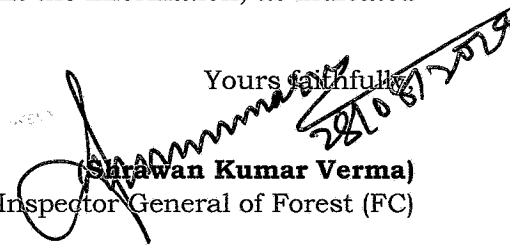
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Uttar Pradesh's letter No. 130/14-2-2019-800(162)/2018 dated 25.02.2019 and letter dated 10.06.2019 on the above mentioned subject wherein prior permission of the Central Government under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is sought. This proposal was been discussed in the meeting held on 06.08.2019 with DDGF (Central), DIGF(Central), Regional Office Lucknow, Nodal Officer (FCA), UP, and User Agency. After the deliberation and discussion in the Ministry the following shortcomings observed:

- i. The State Government should give details on what action has been taken against unauthorised use of forest land;
- ii. What action has been taken against erring officers who have issued orders for use of forest land for non-forestry purpose in gross violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;
- iii. Whether all court orders pertaining to the project has been complied with or not?
- iv. It has come to the notice that the present project will be transferred to M/s Ultra Tech Cement Ltd. State Government need to clarify why the permission for diversion of forest land is not being taken in the name of M/s Ultra Tech Cement Ltd.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully


(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
Dy. Inspector General of Forest (FC)

Copy to:-

1. The PCCF(HoFF), Department of Environment and Forest, Govt. of UP, Lucknow.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the PCCF Department of Environment and Forest, Govt. of UP, Lucknow.
3. The Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central), Regional Office. Lucknow.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC division.
6. Guard file.