

Site Inspection By the Conservator of Forests, Khandwa Circle

Construction of Sonkhedi Tank

Khargone Division, District- Badwani, Range:- Sirwel, Compartment No. 1085 & 1086 Area : 14.870 Ha.

Sendhwa Division, District- Badwani, Range:- Dhavali, Comp. No. 416, 417, 418 & 419, Area- 34.450 Ha.


Total Area 49.320 Ha.

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| 1 | Extent in hectares. | Khargone Division Area : 14.870 Ha. & Sendhwa Division 34.450 Ha. Total Area 49.320 Ha. The total 49.320 hectares comes in District Badwani and Divisions Khargone and Badwani |
| 2 | Location (Lat-Long) of the forest land proposed for diversion. | Enclosed in Annexure. |
| 3 | Legal status of the forest land(Protected forest, reserved forests, revenue forest lands or any other forest land) | Reserved forest. |
| 4 | Demarcation of the area with temporary cairns etc. | Area is Demarcated. |
| 5 | Any signs of encroachment. | Nil |
| 6 | Any activity already taken up within the forest land or adjoining non forest land as part of the proposed project by the user agency. Details of action taken against the user agency in case of violation of the FC act and guidelines there under. | Nil |
| 7 | Status of vegetation, site quality, species composition etc. | Khargone Division – The Proposed area is in compartment no 1085 & 1086 has density up to 0.4, Site Quality-V, Forest type as Cmapion and Seth -5A/C1a Southern Tropical Dry deciduous Teak forest, having Teak (Tectona grandis) as major species and miscellaneous species palas, lendiya, tedu, dudhi, saja etc. Sendhwa Division – The Proposed area is in compartment 416, 417, 418 and 419 and has density below 0.4, Site Quality-V, Forest type as Cmapion and Seth -5A/C1a Southern Tropical Dry deciduous Teak forest, having Teak (Tectona grandis) as major species and miscellaneous species palas, lendiya, tedu, dudhi, saja etc. |
| 8 | Importance of area from wildlife point of view, Status of wildlife (density and abundance of important species, bird life reptiles, butterflies and other scheduled animals any endangered wildlife). Any latest census of wildlife in this area. | No endangered and scheduled wild Animal as mentioned in Wild Life Protection Act 1972, is observed in proposed area. As per the wildlife census 2018, wild life animals were not found in proposed area. |
| 9 | Endemism of flora/fauna or any other unique ecosystem in the area | Nil |
| 10 | Current land use. Is this area managed as per prescriptions in the working plan and if not, why? | <u>Khargone Division</u> - The above compartments No 1085 & 1086 are under Working Circle RDF and Encroachment Area Rehabilitation Working Circle. <u>Sendhwa Division</u> - Compartment No 416 & 417 are in Forest Village and Settled Encroachment Centers Working Circle. Compartment No 418 & 419 are under Fuel and Fodder development Working Circle. |
| 11 | Importance of the area from historical or religious point of view. | None |
| 12 | Any dependent persons/families on this land. | <u>Khargone Division</u> – Yes there are 10 Families dependent for their livelihood. <u>Sendhwa Division</u> - Yes there are 12 Families dependent for their livelihood. |

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| 13 | Any displacement of persons proposed. | Khargone Division - Members of 10 Families. Sendhwa Division- Members of 12 Families |
| 14 | Is there any Rehabilitation and resettlement Plan for the persons to be affected? Is there any dissenting voice among the persons proposed to be displaced? | Nil |
| 15 | Compensatory afforestation proposed is on forest land or non-forest land. Location of this area, suitability of the area for CA. if in the degraded forest land then what is the current working plan prescription for the area? Distance of the non-forest land for CA from the nearest forest area. Number of patches in case the area should be more than 10 Kms. | Under District Barwani compensatory afforestation of 49.320 ha. will be taken up in Village Fatyapur, Tehsil-Anjad, Khasra No-164. in Badwani Division. Distance of the non-forest land for CA from the nearest forest area is 5 km. 50000 plants are proposed to be planted on CA land but 24320 trees are already exists in the received CA (revenue) land so only 25000 plants will be planted on CA land and remaining 25000 plants are to be planted on forest land of 24.320 hector in compartment No. 404 of Forest Division Sendhwa. |
| 16 | Proposal area should not be part of any protected area. Also distance from the boundary of the nearest protected area should be more than 10 Kms. | Proposed area is not a part of any Protected area and there is no Protected area within 10 KM from the boundary of proposed area. |
| 17 | Dependence of tribals in the area. Whether the rights of the tribals have been recognized in this area. | Collector's certificate has been attached by the applicant department regarding the completion of the proceeding of the instructions of rights under the Forest Rights Act 2006. |
| 18 | Utility of the project, including the people living in close vicinity of the project. | The Dam will provide irrigation water to command area. Free Water will also be provided to forest Department where it is required and possible. The dam water will boost irrigation, agriculture development and also create employment. |
| 19 | In case of renewal whether all the conditions stipulated in the earlier sanction order have been complied with. | N/A |
| 20 | Alternatives examined by the user agency in case of non-site specific projects. | Proposed Sonkhedi Tank Project area is 49.320 Hectare and it is the shortest and the suitable for the project. |
| 21 | A certificate by the user agency that the forest land requested for diversion for non-forestry purpose is bare minimum. | Certificate Attached |
| 22 | Any scope of saving tree growth while ensuring that the purpose for which the forest land is being diverted is also not adversely affected. | A Minimum of 2238 trees only will be affected in the project. |
| 23 | Any other issue of significance. | Nil |
| 24 | Specific recommendations of the CF with reason for approval of the project. | Sonkhedi Tank Project will provide drinking water and irrigation facilities to the people living nearby. Larger public interest will be served with the implementation of the project. Hence it is recommended that the project may be approved. |

Place: Khandwa

Date: 13/01/2024


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