

**Office Of The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Forest Circle Gwalior, (M.P.)
INSPECTION NOTE**

I, Uttam Kumar Sharma, have been working as Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Circle Gwalior.

Project Manager, Maa Ratangarh, PIU Seondha, Datia (M.P.) wide letter no. 52/TS/2019 dated 26-12-2019 have submitted demand letter for diversion of forest land for non-forestry use under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for Maa Ratangarh multipurpose project in district Datia and Gwalior as detailed below:-

| Sr. No. | District | Division | Range | Comptt. No. | Forest area proposed for diversion in hect. | Legal status |
|--------------------|----------|----------|---------|---|---|--------------|
| 1. | Datia | Datia | Seondha | P-22 | 31.973 | Protected |
| 2. | -"- | -"- | -"- | P-27 | 0.950 | Protected |
| 3. | -"- | -"- | -"- | P-29 | 22.146 | Protected |
| 4. | -"- | -"- | -"- | P-30 | 2.214 | Protected |
| 5. | -"- | -"- | -"- | R-31 | 183.681 | Reserved |
| 6. | -"- | -"- | -"- | R-32,R-33,R-34,R-35 | 301.926 | Reserved |
| 7 | -"- | -"- | -"- | P-25,P-22,P-23,P-24,P-26, P-14,P-15,P-16, | 438.467 | Protected |
| TOTAL | | | | | 981.357 | |
| 1 | Gwalior | Gwalior | Benhat | P-177 | 134.885 | Protected |
| 2 | -"- | -"- | -"- | P-179 | 20.500 | Protected |
| 3 | -"- | -"- | -"- | RF137 | 22.900 | Reserved |
| 4 | -"- | -"- | -"- | RF 138 | 49.000 | Reserved |
| 5 | -"- | -"- | -"- | RF 139 | 96.500 | Reserved |
| TOTAL | | | | | 323.785 | |
| Grand Total | | | | | 1305.142 | |

I have inspected the above site along with staff on dated 5-2-2023 for mentioning facts as submitted by the User Agency, Project Manager, Maa Ratangarh, PIU Seondha, Datia (M.P.) and for concluding department's recommendation in proposed diversion of forest land as mentioned above, for non-forestry use under Forest (Conservation) Act – 1980.I am submitting my Site Inspection Report on prescribed format as below –

| Sr. No. | Particulars | Inspection Report by CCF |
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| 1 | Extent in hectares. | Division Datia-981.357ha. and Division Gwalior -323.785 ha.. Total area 1305.142 ha. |
| 2 | Location (latitude-longitude) of the forest land proposed for diversion. | KML file has been uploaded in part 1 of the said application. |
| 3 | Legal status of the forest land (Protected forest, reserved forests, revenue forest lands or any other forest land). | Reserve forest and Protected forest. |
| 4 | Demarcation of the area with temporary cairns etc. | Yes |
| 5 | Any signs of encroachment. | No |
| 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. | None. The user agency has not started any activity within forest land. |

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| 7 | Status of vegetation. Site quality, species composition etc. | The proposed area for diversion is mostly scrub forest of density 0.3 and Eco class III, Tropical Dry Deciduous Forest. The most commonly found trees and bushes are Prosopis Juliflora, Kardhai, Khair 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. | Generally Jackals, Chinkara, Hyna, Nilgai, Hare, species of snakes etc. are found in this area. |
| 9 | Endemism of flora/ fauna or any other unique ecosystem in the area. | No |
| 10 | Current land use. Is this area managed as per prescriptions in the Working Plan and, if not, why? | The area is being managed as per the Working Plan provisions. |
| 11 | Importance of the area from historical or religious point of view. | No |
| 12 | Any dependent persons/ families on this land. | No |
| 13 | Any displacement of persons proposed. | No |
| 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? | User agency need to compensate for rehabilitation and resettlement for villagers mentioned in the document submitted by agency in which 8 villages are fully submerged and 16 villages are partially submerged. |
| 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 to kms. | 626.06 Ha. of land for CA has been allotted in Bhind distt. But allotted area is not according to point no. 7 of the guidelines of M.P. Forest Department Letter No. 2090 dated 31-07-2020 (Letter by DFO Bhind attached). Rest of the Land for CA has not been allotted by user agency yet. |
| 16 | Proposed 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. | GIB Ghatigoan Sanctuary is the nearest located Protected Area, which is situated at the distance of approximately 52.03 kms. |
| 17 | Dependence of tribal in the area. -Whether the rights of the tribal have been recognized in this area. | No |
| 18 | Utility of the project. including the people living in close vicinity of the project. | Agriculture development of local area is expected for the people living in close vicinity of the project.. |
| 19 | In case of renewal whether all the conditions stipulated in the earlier sanction order have been complied with. | Not applicable, as it is a fresh proposal. |
| 20 | Alternatives examined by the user agency in case of non-site specific projects. | Project is site specific. |
| 21 | A certificate by the user agency that the forest land requested for diversion for non-forestry purpose is bare minimum. | Attached along the proposal. |

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| 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. | Trees have to be clear felled for the project. None of them can be saved. |
| 23 | Any other issue of significance. | None. |
| 24 | Specific recommendations of the DFO with reasons for approval of the project. | AS per recommendation given by DFO Datia and Gwalior, I hereby recommend this proposal of diversion of proposed total Forest Area of 1305.142 Hectares, for non-forest use under FCA 1980 by the Project Manager, Maa Ratangarh, PIU Seondha, Datia (M.P.) |

Place – Gwalior (M.P.)
Date – Feb. 5th. 2023

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