

CHECK-LIST
OF
DOCUMENTS/INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR PROPOSAL
FOR DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR NON FORESTRY USE
UNDER FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT, 1980
FOR STAGE-I APPROVALS

I Documents/Information Required for All Proposals

S.No.	Name of the Document (s)	Provided or Not	If not Provided Why?	Page Number
1	Check-list of the project proposal			
2	Demand letter of the project authority/ applicant, if submitted.			
3	Main application form from Part-I to V as prescribed in the Rules under the FCA with all its columns duly filled up and signed by the competent authority with date, place and official seal. All the information in Part-I of Form-A including item-wise breakup of the forest area required, must be given in the form itself by expanding the columns			
4	Detailed note on the project. It must include the information regarding the number of villages and number of persons to be benefited from the project including employment generation.			
5	Map of the project site/forest area required clearly showing forest boundaries and adjoining areas with their land use in distinct colours in 1:50000 or any suitable scale on original Survey of India topo sheet. If the area is very small, in addition to above, an index map may be submitted showing forest boundaries and a location map on a larger scale with land use of the area required duly signed by DFO/CF concerned.			
6	Layout plan of project site approved by competent authority. In case of linear diversion of forest land, linear map or a diagrammatic map of the project site should be enclosed.			
7	Statement showing the details of forest area involved i.e. Survey No. /Coupe No. / Compartment No., etc., and item-wise breakup of the forest area proposed for diversion duly signed by DFO (in the prescribed format).			

8	Statement showing the details of non-forest area involved in the proposal (<i>in the prescribed format</i>).			
9	Certificate from the Collector/Deputy Commissioner that no alternative suitable non-forest land is available for the project in question.			
10	Justification for locating the project in forest area to be submitted by User Agency and countersigned by DFO.			
11	Certificate for minimum use of forest land to be submitted by the User Agency, giving details of area and trees involved in the alternatives examined and reasons for their rejection duly countersigned by DFO (<i>in the prescribed format</i>).			
12	Undertaking by the User Agency to bear the cost of compensatory afforestation duly counter signed by the DFO (<i>in the prescribed format</i>).			
13	Undertaking by the User Agency to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land involved duly countersigned by DFO (<i>in the prescribed format</i>).			
	Undertaking by the User Agency to pay the Additional Net Present Value (NPV), if any, of the forest land involved duly countersigned by DFO (<i>in the prescribed format</i>) as decided at a later date as per the decision of the Supreme Court.			
14	A certificate from the competent authority in the State in the prescribed (<i>vide MoEF letter No. 11-9/98-FC (pt.) dated 5th July 2013</i>) format that all forest rights under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 have been settled in respect of the forest area proposed for diversion, wherever applicable. In case, the process for settlement of rights under FRA has not been initiated, grant of stage-I approval under the FCA to the proposal will be considered only if a certificate from the competent authority concerned, clearly stating that the process for settlement of rights under the FRA has not been initiated along with evidences supporting that settlement of rights under the FRA will be initiated and completed before the final approval, is enclosed with the proposal (<i>vide F. No. 11-179/2012-FC Dated: December 20, 2013</i>).			

15	Species-wise and girth class-wise enumeration list and abstract of trees (<i>abstract to be given at the end of the list</i>) standing on the forest area in question neatly typed or computerized and duly signed by DFO.			
16	Site inspection report of the forest area involved in the project proposal by the DFO concerned or higher level forest officer in prescribed format (<i>in the prescribed format</i>).			
17	Details of non-forest land/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation viz. Survey No./ Compartment No./Khasra No./Khatoni No., Village, Tehsil, District, etc., along with map in appropriate scale showing the boundaries of adjoining forest areas with their use in distinct colours (<i>in the prescribed format</i>).			
18	Detailed scheme for compensatory afforestation on identified non-forest area/degraded forest area, as the case may be, at prevalent wage rates duly signed by DFO and countersigned by the CF concerned. The CA scheme must include all the technical details, details of work schedule, total financial outlay and proposed monitoring mechanism (<i>in the prescribed format</i>).			
19	Certificate from the DFO, that non-forest land selected for compensatory afforestation is in a compact block and contiguous to forest area or in close proximity of forest area and suitable from the management and protection point of view.			
20	Suitability certificate from the Divisional Forest Officer that the land identified for compensatory afforestation is suitable for raising plantation (<i>in the prescribed format</i>).			
21	Certificate from the Chief Secretary regarding non-availability of non-forest land in the state for raising compensatory afforestation, wherever applicable. This certificate will be based on the certificate signed by the DFO and Deputy Commissioner/Collector of the district concerned about non-availability of such non-forest land.			
22	In case of proposal which requires entry/exit through Protected Forest strips along roads/railway lines/canals, the following information/documents must be given :- a) . No Objection Certificate (NOC) of the land owning agency i.e. NHAI/PWD,			

	Railways or Canal/ Irrigation Department b) Change of Land Use certificate from Town and Country Planning/ any other competent authority.			
23	For the projects involving forest land for construction of buildings/right of way for buildings, the built-up area, details of DG sets to be installed, and raw materials to be used (<i>in case of industries</i>) should be clearly mentioned.			
24	Status of clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, wherever required.			
25	NOC of the State Pollution Control Board for establishment of the project, wherever required.			
26	Detailed scheme for rehabilitation of project affected persons, wherever required.			
27	Detailed Catchment Area Treatment Plan, wherever required. The CAT Plan should be prepared on the basis of actual survey of area and its classification in various categories requiring different engineering/ afforestation and other treatments in phased manner.			
28	Detailed Reclamation Plan, wherever required. It should be realistic exhaustive and complete in all respects along with relevant maps in distinct colours. It should also include the details of back fillings, afforestation and execution of such works, wherever required.			
29	Cost benefit analysis as per the guidelines issued under forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in prescribed format, wherever required.			
30	Any other information/documents necessary for giving clarifications on the project, may be specified and attached.			

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31	The following information/documents must be given :- a) Length and width of Road/Railway line/ Canal/ Transmission line passing through forest and non forest area. b) In case of expansion of already existing road/railway line/canal, linear plan clearly showing in distinct colours the already existing road (<i>from beginning to end</i>), the width of the proposed road/railway line/canal to			yes

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	be expanded, and the remaining width of the Protect Forest strip, if any, which would be left after expansion. c) In case of transmission line, the following details may also be given :- i) Number of towers to be erected both in forest and non forest area. ii) Width of the right of way for transmission line.			
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III Documents/Information Required for Proposals for Hydro Electric Projects				
32	The following information/document must be given :- a) Component-wise total area requirement b) Copy of Memorandum of Understanding c) Copy of Techno-Economic Clearance d) Copy of Implementation Agreement e) NOC from Irrigation and Public Health Department f) NOC from Fisheries Department g) Authorization to the applicant by the Project Authority			

IV Documents/Information Required for Proposals for Mining				
33	The following information/documents must be given :- I New Proposals a) Certificate from the competent authority like District Mining Officer/Geologist, regarding non-availability of the same mineral/ore in the nearly non-forest area. b) Estimated reserve of each mineral/ore in the forest area and non-forest area. c) Total area demanded and extent of forest area involved in the proposed mining lease shown in distinct colours on relevant maps d) Proposed period of mining lease. e) Minimum distance of the proposed site - from Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park.			

	f) A copy of the mining plan duly approved by IBM, Nagpur. g) Phased reclamation plan of the project area. h) Copy of lease deed/agreement entered into with the district authorities. i) The details of Safety Zone Area for the mining as per para 4.7 of the guidelines. The undertaking from the project authority to bear the cost of fencing of safety zone area and afforestation over one and half times of degraded forest area. The details of safety zone to be ascertained by the competent authority viz. Indian Bureau of Mines/ Deptt., of Geology and Mining of the State Government. II) In case of renewal of Mining Lease a) A brief profile of the lessee/ company should be submitted giving details of their existing mining leases in the State with their capacity of production, the present level of average annual production, location of these pits and the status of reclamation of forest land that are exhausted of minerals. b) Complete details of existing or proposed leases in that particular forest area with their present status should be indicated on the Survey of India Topo-sheet in appropriate scale c) The State Government shall forward the complete proposal to the RO/MoEF at least six months prior to the expiry of the existing lease. In case of any delay, a details report elaborating the causes of delay shall be forwarded along with the proposal. d) A resolution of Gram Panchayat/ Local Body of the area endorsing the proposal that the project is in the interest of the people living in and around the proposed forest land.			
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V	Documents/Information Required for Proposals for Retail Outlets of an Oil Companies			
34	<i>The following information/ documents must be given :-</i> a) Copy of letter of intent issued by the oil Company. b) Site selection certificate as per Govt. of India guidelines. The DFO should certify the distance between two retail outlets on either side of the outlet in question. c) Layout plan showing dimensions of proposed approach road for entry and exit with clear area calculations. d) Map clearly indicating the directions of the road leading from....to..... e) The area calculations for the curves should invariably be given in the layout plan. f) NOC from NHAI/PWD/Urban or local body. g) NOC from Town and Country Planning/ local body. h) Certificate by User Agency to the effect that no High Tension line passing above the proposed site duly countersigned by DFO. i) A Certificate by User Agency to the effect that no LP Gas godown is located near the proposed site duly countersigned by DFO.			

Date.....

Place.....

Divisional Forests Officer

.....Forest Division

Office Seal_____

Countersigned by
Conservator of Forests