

Office of the Divisional forest officer Forest division Gwalior (M.P.)

Site inspection Note

I, Brijendra Srivastava, have been working as deputy conservator of forest and posted as divisional forest officer, forest division Gwalior (M.P.)

Project manager, Maa Ratangarh PIU Sewda Datia (M.P.) Wide letter no.52/T.S./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 Gwalior and Datia. District Gwalior details are below-

S.No.	District	Division	Range	compt. no.	Forest area proposed for diversion in hect.	Legal Status
1	Gwalior	Gwalior	Behat	PF-179	20.500	Protected
2	"	"	"	PF-177	134.885	Protected
3	"	"	"	RF 139	96.500	Reserved
4	"	"	"	RF 138	49.000	Reserved
5	"	"	"	RF 137	22.900	Reserved
Total					323.785	

I have inspected the above site on dated 29-07-2022 for mentioning facts as submitted by the user agency, Project manager, Maa Ratangarh PIU Sewda Datia (M.P.) and for concluding departments recommendation in proposed diversion of forest land as mentioned above, for non-forestry purpose under Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980.

I am submitting my site inspection report on prescribed format as below-

Si. No.	Particular	Inspection Report By CCF/DFO (T)
1	Extent is hectares.	323.785 hectares.
2	Location (lat-long) 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 land- 168.4 hect. Protected forest land- 155.385 hect. total - 323.785 hect.
4	Demarcation of the area with temporary claims 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.	No
7	Status of vegetation. Site quality, species composition etc.	The proposed area for diversion is scrub forest of density 0.3 and Eco class 3. The mostly Commonly found tree and bushes of khair and kardhai & others Fuel.
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.	wildlife activity exists in this forest land proposed for diversion. Generally Jackal, chinkara, hyena, hare, nilgai 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	No

	view.	
12	Any dependent persons/families on this land.	Yes
13	Any displacement of persons proposed.	Yes
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 the villagers of Jigniya village.
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.	Compensatory afforestation is proposed in Bhind and Shivpuri district.
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.	Proposed area is at the distance of 52.03 Kms. from Sanctuary Ghatigaon.
17	Dependence of tribals in the area. Whether the rights of the tribals 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.	No
20	Alternatives examined by the user agency in case of non-site specific projects.	Yes
21	A certificate by the user agency that the forest land requested for diversion for non-forestry purpose is bare minimum.	Yes
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.	No
23	Any other issue of significance.	None.
24	Specific recommendations of the DFO with reasons for approval of the project.	Diversion of forest land for project is for the benefit of the people in agriculture and will also generate employment. So, project is recommended.

Place: Gwalior

Date : 29-07-2022


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