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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Department of Forests & Environment,  
Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal.

**Sub: Diversion of 55.3 ha. of forest land for construction of Parna Minor Irrigation Project, in favour of Water Resources Department, Damoh District Madhya Pradesh State.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, State Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-3/86/2017/10-11/12/1188 Bhopal dated 01.05.2018 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to say that the said proposal has been examined by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the aforesaid Act.

2. After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh and on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), the Central Government hereby agrees *to accord stage-I / In-principle* approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 55.3 ha. of forest land for construction of Parna Minor Irrigation Project, in favour of Water Resources Department, Damoh District Madhya Pradesh State, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) *The State Government shall submit complete compliance of FRA prior to stage II approval;*
- (iii) *No tree felling shall be allowed. The tree shall be allowed to be retained in the submergence area, however the cost of trees enumerated in the area proposed for diversion shall be deposited as per existing procedure;*
- (iv) *It is noticed that portion of CA area is under agricultural fields/encroachment. State government shall ensure that the non-forest area is free from encroachments and same is transferred and mutated in favour of forest department prior to stage II approval;*
- (v) The Compensatory Afforestation shall be done over equal non-forest land (NFL) to the forest area proposed to be diverted within a period of three years with effect from the date of issue of Stage-II clearance and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved Plan in consultation with the State Forest Department at the cost of the user agency. At least 1000 saplings per hectares shall be planted over 55.3 ha. (55300 plants). If this is not possible to plant these many seedlings in the identified



NFL, the balance seedlings will be planted in degraded forest land as per the prescriptions of the Working Plan at the cost of the User agency. In such case CA cost will be revised and duly approved by competent authority and deposited online in the CAF managed by CAMPA;

- (vi) The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India toposheet of 1:50,000 scale;
- (vii) The non-forest land to be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified as reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act. The Nodal officer must report compliance within a period of 6 month from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the local Forest Act as the case may be, to this Ministry for information and record;
- (viii) The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
- (ix) The User Agency shall provide additionally 25% of the CA cost towards Soil and Moisture Conservation measures in the proposed CA area as per site requirement and the said amount may be deposited in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA of the concerned State through **online e-portal only**;
- (x) The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into Ad-hoc CAMPA account of the State Concerned;
- (xi) Any fund received from the user agency under the project and deposited in the State Forest Department account, except the funds released for regeneration/ demarcation of safety zone, shall be transferred through online portal into Ad-hoc CAMPA account of the State Concerned;
- (xii) **The user agency should ensure that the compensatory levies (CA cost, NPV etc.) are deposited through challan generated online on web portal and deposited in appropriate bank online only. Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage -I clearance;**
- (xiii) At the time of payment on the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;



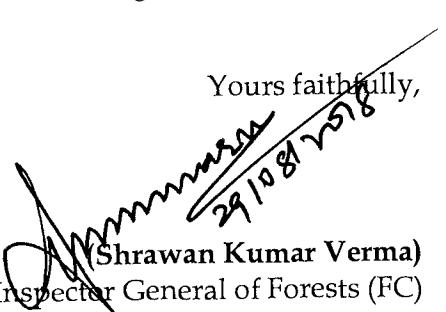
- (xiv) The State Government shall submit a certificate, that site for CA is suitable and free from all encroachments and other encumbrances, under the signature not below the rank of Nodal Officer (FCA) in the State Government;
- (xv) The User agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- (xvi) A Plan for Conservation of Wildlife will be made by the user agency in consultation with the CCF (Wildlife) to be implementation at the User Agency's cost;
- (xvii) The State Government shall ensure that the forest land located between FRL and the FRL-4 meters may be afforested by planting appropriate indigenous tree species;
- (xviii) The User Agency shall carry out muck/slit disposal at pre-designated sites in such a manner so as to avoid its rolling down;
- (xix) The dumping area for muck/slit disposal shall be stabilized and reclaimed by planting suitable species by the user agency at the cost of project under the supervision of State Forest Department. Retaining walls and terracing shall be carried out to hold the dumping materials in place. Stabilization and reclamation of such dumping sties shall be completed before handing over the same to the State Forest Department in a time bound manner as per plan;
- (xx) The User Agency shall undertake afforestation along the periphery of the reservoir;
- (xxi) The User agency shall provide free water for the forestry related projects;
- (xxii) Layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xxiii) No labour camp/huts shall be established on the forest land;
- (xxiv) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person;
- (xxv) Felling of trees on the forest land being diverted shall be reduced to the bare minimum and the trees should be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- (xxvi) User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird nests artificially made out of eco-friendly materials shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
- (xxvii) State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in its letter No. 11-9/1998-FC (pt.) dated 03.08.2009 read with 05.07.2013 in support thereof;
- (xxviii) The user agency shall provide alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;



- (xxix) Boundary of the forest land proposed to be diverted shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;
- (xxx) The State Government shall maintain the character of the projects as an irrigation project and to ensure continued benefit to the farmers in the command area, no more diversion of water from the project for industrial projects will be permitted in future;
- (xxxi) Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
- (xxxii) The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and this Ministry by the end of March of every year regularly; and
- (xxxiii) The user agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (s) and National Green Tribunal (NGT) Order(s), if any, pertaining to this project for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

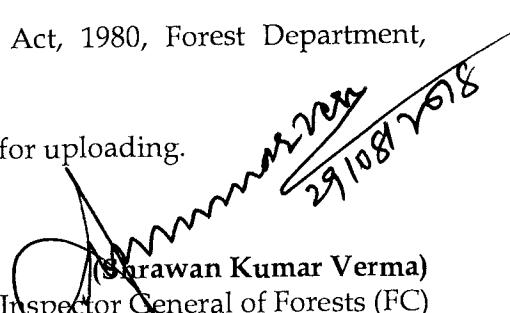
3. After receipt of the report on compliance to the conditions stipulated in the paragraph-2 above, from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, final / stage-II approval for diversion of the said forest under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be issued by this Ministry. Transfer of the said forest land to the user agency shall not be effected by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh till final/stage-II approval for its diversion is issued by this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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

**Copy to:-**

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal.
3. The Nodal Officer, under the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Forest Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.
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 Dy. Inspector General of Forests (FC)