

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

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Dated: 14th October, 2020

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest and Environment,
Government of Gujarat,
Gandhi Nagar.

Sub: Diversion of 186.96 ha of reserved Forest land for acquisition of forest land for the proposed barrage project across river Narmada near Bhadbhut village in Bharuch District in favour of Executive Engineer, Gulf of Khambhat development Project (WR), project implementation Unit 2, Vadodara Gujarat -reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Gujarat letter No. FCA/31/A/458-60/2020-21 dated 05.10.2020 on the above cited subject; wherein detailed report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 21.12.2017 has been forwarded. After careful examination of the said report in the Ministry revealed following shortcomings: -

- i. The copy of comprehensive study conducted by the State Govt. has not submitted;
- ii. Status of notification of Non-Forest Land (NFL) for Compensatory Afforestation as per Section 4 of Indian Forest Act, 1927 has not been submitted;
- iii. The copy of Survey of India topo-sheet of 1: 50,000 scale showing land identified for the purpose of CA has not been submitted;
- iv. The clarification regarding the exercise of extinguishing the rights of individual and community as per FRA, 2006 has been carried out or not specifically for proposed diversion of 187 ha. forest land has not been submitted.

In view of the above, the Government of Gujarat is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Brijendra Swaroop)
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Pr.CCF (HoFF), Department of Forests, Government of Gujarat, Gandhi Nagar;
2. The DDG (Central), Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal;

3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Gujarat, Gandhi Nagar;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.