

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

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**Dated: As per E-Sign**

To,

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

**Subject: Diversion of 40.468 ha forest land in village Phadki (Mohgaon) for Bauxite mining and various construction activities in favour of M/s Dharamji Morarji Chemical Company Limited (Mumbai) in the Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/23750/2017)- regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/23750/2017/4872 dated 13.09.2024 on the above cited subject. The examination of the same has revealed the following shortcomings:

- i. The component wise/ purpose wise break-up of the forest land as mentioned by the State Govt. has not been found in the approved Mining plan. The State shall ensure that the component wise area proposed for diversion is commensurate with the approved mining plan.
- ii. Non-site specific activities such as Site services (0.267 ha), dumping (0.416 ha), stacking (0.312 ha) and parking (0.567 ha) involving a total of 1.562 ha area over forest land has been given as per component wise details in the proposal. The justification for not carrying these non-site specific activities over non forest land need submission and state needs to explore to shift such activities to non-forest land.
- iii. The Reason/ justification for keeping 1.442 ha non-mineable forest area within the lease needs submission.
- iv. It has been mentioned in the component wise details that the instant project requires 0.267 ha forest land for site services purpose. The detail of such services needs submission. The state shall also clarify that how the requirement of electricity and water will be met to run the site services.
- v. The revised tree enumeration details have been submitted however it has not been mentioned whether the method adopted for the same is sample enumeration or the total enumeration has been carried.
- vi. The year wise estimated cost to carry out programme for improvement of forest crop in the CA land has not been provided which needs submission. Also the State Govt. shall certify that the proposed land for CA already bears a vegetation of 0.4 canopy density or more.

- vii. The Nodal officer, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh has not submitted a certificate that the area proposed for compensatory afforestation is Non-Forest land which needs submission.
- viii. The revenue papers of the Non-forest land which were previously uploaded online for Compensatory Afforestation have the type of land mentioned as Zudupi Jungle and Satkata Jungle in remarks column . Now, the State Govt. has submitted revised revenue papers of the land claimed as Non-forest for CA wherein in the remarks column, it has been mentioned that the term छोटे झाड़ का जंगल, सतकटा जंगल, सतकट्टा झाड़ी, सतकठा जंगल etc have been eliminated/ Deleted vide different orders issued by the Tehsildar, Paraswada Tehsil, Balaghat District of Madhya Pradesh State. The State shall examine and intimate the details of the authority which has allowed the change in classification of the forest land to non-forest land. The state shall also give a reasoned justification as to how the state has changed the classification of the land from forest to non-forest.
- ix. As per DSS analysis it has been reported that the KML file of the Mining lease is found 39.660 ha instead of 40.468 ha as per the proposal. Further, KML file of some of the proposed components like Stacking, Minable Area and Barrier Zone have not been given and the area figures of the KML file are not found matching with the component wise break-up. The State shall therefore submit the correct component wise KML file for the proposed area.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above-mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

**Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
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