

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

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Dated: November, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 530.85 ha (instead of 505.5 ha) of forest land for Construction of Banda Irrigation project in favour of M/s Water Resources Department in Sagar District, Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/33882/2018) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Additional Principal Chief conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-4/97/2018/10-11/12/4625 dated 17.10.2023 on the above mentioned subject requesting for amendment of condition no. A (i) stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 28.07.202 and to say that the said request was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 20.10.2023. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in.

Keeping in view the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, the approval of the Central Govt. is hereby accorded to amend the condition no. A (i) stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 28.07.202 as under:

A(i)a: In order to minimize the extent of forest land diversion arising out of the fact due to shifting of transmission lines, the State Govt. will ensure that the requirement of forest land should be bare minimum. State Government will also ensure that the 'fait accompli' diversion proposal for shifting of transmission lines should not be passing over the non-forest land (NFL) pledged for Compensatory Afforestation.

A(i)b: The number of transmission lines shall not be more than four as proposed by the State government. Further, the forest land within the RoW of the transmission lines proposed to be abandoned due to submergence (outside the submergence area, if any) shall be handed over back to the forest department once the transmission lines are shifted.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 22-11-2023 10:08:35

(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 (FCA), Department of Forest Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
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