

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: Diversion of 2250.05 ha (instead of 2272.05 ha) forest land for construction of Morand - Ganjal Irrigation Project located in Hoshangabad, Betul, Harda and Khandwa Districts of Madhya Pradesh State in favour of M/s Narmada Valley Development Authority (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/36231/2018) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-3/16/2018/10- 11/1667 dated 26.04.2023 forwarding a proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 14.11.2023. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee deferred the proposal for non forest use of 2250.05 ha forest land for construction of Morand - Ganjal Irrigation Project for want of following information:

- i. In order to have actual assessment of the no. of trees involved in the project, the species wise and girth class wise complete enumeration of the trees falling in proposed diversion area shall be submitted.
- ii. Keeping in view the fact that the area proposed for diversion and submergence is quite large and is located in a landscape which is part of an active wildlife corridor i.e., Satpura-Melghat Tiger corridor, the execution of the project may lead to habitat fragmentation and cause obstruction in the corridor. Therefore, a study of the possible impacts of the project on the Biodiversity and Wildlife by Wildlife Institute of India which shall be submitted along with the specific recommendation from the CWLW and State Govt.
- iii. The State shall submit the recommendations/comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) on the instant proposal.
- iv. Keeping in view the fact that the area is within Satpura-Melghat

Tiger Corridor, the State shall take necessary action as per rules to seek the requisite recommendations of NBWL/SBWL.

- v. The complete CA scheme, along with relevant documents, revenue record, maps and KML files for the total non-forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation shall be submitted. The State shall ensure that the proposed area is free from all encumbrances.

In view of the above, the Government of Madhya Pradesh is requested to furnish the information as above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 27-11-2023 20:20:05

Reason: Approved

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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