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(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: As per E-Sign

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion 49.320 ha Reserved forest land (34.45 ha in Sendhwa Forest Division and 14.87 ha in Khargon Forest Division) in favour of Water Resource Department for the construction of Sonkhedi Tank Project under Barwani District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No FP/MP/IRRIG/155614/2022) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the Addl. PCCF (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-3/129/0017/10-11/10 dated 22.11.2024 on the above cited subject. In this regard, the following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:

- i. The State Govt. has not submitted the detailed hydrological assessment report along with details of study(if any) carried out in the basin and details about the impact of the project on the flow of water downstream.
- ii. The CAT plan submitted has not been approved as per the Chapter-9, Para 9.2 (vii) of the consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), Adhiniyam, 1980. Therefore, the State Govt. shall ensure that an approved CAT plan invariably accompanied with all the characteristics as given in Para 9.2 (i to vi) of the consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be submitted.
- iii. The cost benefit analysis as submitted does not include habitation fragmentation cost and details as per prescribed format. The revised CB analysis has to be submitted by keeping all parameters in view.
- iv. The State Govt. has now informed that क्षतिपूर्ति वनीकरण हेतु उपलब्ध करायी गयी ग्राम फत्यापुर, सर्वे नं 164 रकबा 49.320 हे० गैर वनभूमि में पूर्व से 24320 पौधे होने के कारण शेष बचे 25000 पौधे रोपण की योजना वनमंडल सेंधवा के परिक्षेत्र वारला की अवक्रमित वनभूमि कक्ष क्रमांक 404. However, the complete CA scheme of Non-Forest land & degraded Forest land along with KML file of degraded forest land proposed for CA has not been submitted/ uploaded.
- v. As per DSS analysis, the proposed forest land for diversion is located at a distance of 6.51 Km from Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary of Maharashtra State.

Therefore the comments of CWLW with clear recommendations regarding impact of the project on the wildlife found in and around the area proposed for diversion needs submission.

- vi. DSS analysis revealed that the instant project is located at a distance of 0.50 Km from the inter-state border of Maharashtra State and part of canal proposed over Non-forest land is falling in the State of Maharashtra. Since the proposed area is bordering the State of Maharashtra, and the project may have impact on the areas downstream, therefore the State of Madhya Pradesh shall seek the comments/NOC from the State of Maharashtra in this regard and submit the response.
- vii. Satellite imagery shows the presence of Agricultural lands, Settlements, Plantation, Roads etc. within the proposed forest land for submergence as well as forest land proposed for Canal component. This needs clarification.
- viii. The State Govt. has proposed to establish a waste weir in the project. However the forest land in-between the waste weir and Dam line has not been included in the proposal. This needs clarification and the State Govt. shall ensure that the complete proposal shall be submitted.

Accordingly, it is requested that the information on shortcomings, as indicated above, may be submitted for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
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