

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

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Dated: December, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 349.00 ha forest land for the construction of Sangatha (AER) Medium Irrigation Project by the Water Resources Division under Shivpuri District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/32935/2018) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the letter no. F-3/52/2018/10-11/15/3121 dated 23.11.2023 of APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh on the above mentioned subject and to inform that after careful examination of the said information the following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. The State Govt. has not submitted the approved copy of R&R plan.
- ii. The State Govt. has now informed that a Hose tank is proposed to be constructed, however the area details of Hose Tank have not been mentioned in the component wise breakup on the PARIVESH portal.
- iii. The KML file of Canals proposed in the instant proposal and passing through the Non-Forest land have not been uploaded in polygon form.
- iv. The State Govt. has now proposed to increase the Degraded forest land (DFL) area for accommodating the additional seedlings of Compensatory Afforestation from 127.306 ha proposed earlier to 226.624 ha. However, complete KML file along with maps of the same have not been uploaded on PARIVESH.
- v. The NPV rates of Open forest has been taken into consideration while carrying out cost-benefit analysis of the present proposal instead of Dense Forest because the proposed area is having 0.5 density. Therefore, the State Govt. shall submit the Cost-Benefit analysis as per NPV rates prescribed for dense forest.
- vi. The State Govt. has now informed that the DFO in his site inspection report has mentioned the canopy density as 0.1 to 0.5, however even for a density of 0.1- 0.5, the 3204 number of trees appear to be on lower side for a such large area proposed for diversion. In this regard, as asked in the previous communication, the State Government is again requested to verify the total numbers of the trees getting affected.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
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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;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.