

Government of India
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Dated: December, 2023

To

The Principal Chief Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest and Environment,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

S u b : Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Chhindwara Plus Developers Ltd. for non-forestry use of 80.737 ha of forest land (8.33 ha. Forest land & 72.407 Revenue Forest land) for establishment of Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Chhindwara Dist. of MP State (Online No. FP/MP/Others/27128/2017) – regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. F-5-16/2011/10-3/65 dated 06.01.2023 and User Agency letter dated 05.12.2023 on the above mentioned subject and to inform that the request to relax the condition of Stage-1/In-principle approval was considered by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 18.12.2023.

2. After thorough deliberation and discussion, the Advisory Committee observed that the condition proposing CA on NFL double in extent of the forest area proposed for diversion has been stipulated after due deliberation in the Ministry. Moreover, keeping in view the non-site specific nature of the proposed activities, there does not seem to be any justification to relax the said condition at this stage. Accordingly, the committee did not agree to relax the condition of '*in-principle*' approval in the instant case.

3. In view of the above, the Government of Madhya Pradesh is requested to expedite the submission of the compliance report of the Stage-I approval.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. DDGF (Cental), MoF&CC Regional Office, Bhopal.
3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer FCA, 1980, Forest Department O/o PCCF, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.

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4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.
6. Guard File.