

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi - 110003

Dated: 5th December, 2022

To,

The Regional Officer,
Integrated Regional Office (IRO),
Jaipur, Rajasthan

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 100.05 ha of forest land in favour of NPCIL for Mahi Banswara, Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (MBRAPP) -1 to 4. (Online proposal No. FP/RJ/Others/22621/2016).

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above subject proposal uploaded through online on PARIVESH for seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to request that the Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry, Jaipur may carryout the site inspection of the proposal and submit a detail report report to this Ministry for further action, and while conducting the SIR, the EDS raised vide Ministry's letter of even no. dated 5th December,2022 (copy enclosed) may also be kept in view.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
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Jaipur

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Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Rajasthan's Letter No. P.1 (28) VAN/2022 dated 22.11.2022 forwarding their response on Ministry's letter of even no. dated 10.06.2022. After examining the response of State Govt. along with revised KML file uploaded on PARIVESH for instant proposal, the following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. As per the DSS analysis through satellite imagery, it is observed that a part of forest land located under 'SARWAN DERI B Forest Block' has not been included in the instant diversion proposal. The map is given in **Annexure** for ready reference. The same is required to be examined and necessary action is required to be taken accordingly.
- ii. The calculated degraded forest land for CA as per uploaded KML file is found to be 304 ha. instead of 286.10 ha. Thus, this variation needs to be re-checked and corrected KML file be uploaded on PARIVESH. The State shall also ensure that the area proposed for CA was not a part of the CA plantations of any other project.
- iii. The State was asked to submit the details of alternative sites which have been explored/examined for the execution of the project. However, the same have not been provided. The State has also not given any justification for locating the project in the proposed forest area.
- iv. The presence of settlements & Agriculture land on the area proposed for diversion was observed in DSS analysis. The State has not given any justification for the same.
- v. The copy of the approved R&R plan has not been submitted, which is required to be done.

In view of above, the State Govt. is requested to provide the information/document/clarification on the above points for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- 1.The Principal CCF & HoFF, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur;
- 2.The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Jaipur, Rajasthan;
- 3.The Nodal Officer(FCA), O/o the PCCF, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur;
- 4.User Agency; and
- 5.Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.

Annexure

Google imagery showing the forest patch which has been left and not considered for diversion in the instant proposal located under the 'SARWAN DERI B Forest Block' while preparing the KML file offorest land under diversion

