

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

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forest),
Department of Forest and Environment,
Government of Rajasthan,
Jaipur

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 of 407.8227 ha for construction of Shahpur (1800 MW) Pumped Storage Project by M/s Greenko Energies Private Limited, in Hanumanthkhera, Mungawali villages, G.P.-Mundiyar, Tehsil-Shahbad, Baran District, Rajasthan

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Rajasthan's letter No. F.1 (77)VAN/ 2023 dated 02.02.2024 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:-

- i) The copy of approval from the concerned DCF, Baran has not been submitted for the Soil Erosion Treatment Plan, which needs submission.
- ii) It has been reported by the State Govt. that the plantation raised in the year 2007 in 26 ha area which is now proposed for diversion. In this regard, it needs clarification whether the said plantations have done against any forest diversion proposal or otherwise.
- iii) As sought earlier, the State Govt. has not submitted the information on the encroachment of Agriculture land and Built-up as visible in the proposed forest land for CA.
- iv) Since, the Ministry vide letter dated 29.12.2023 has issued consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 in suppression to all previous guidelines & Rules in exercise of the powers conferred under section 3 C of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. In view of that the State Govt. is therefore ascertain the suitability of Compensatory Afforestation land proposed over the Non-forest land as

well as the Degraded forest land proposed in the instant proposal as per the Sub-Rule 13 given under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.

v) As intimated earlier, a road is passing through the forest land wherein a component i.e. Upper Reservoir has been proposed. In this regard, a plan/ map showing the alternative roads which will be available for use by the villagers during & after completion of the project has not been submitted. This needs clarification.

Yours faithfully,

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1. The Principal CCF & (HoFF), Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur;
2. The Dy. Inspector General of Forests, Sub- office, MoEF&CC, Jaipur
3. Regional Officer of MoEF&CC, Gandhinagar;
4. The Nodal Officer-cum-APCCF (FCA), Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi