

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

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**Dated: February, 2024**

To,

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

**Subject: Diversion of 40.468 ha forest land in village Phadki (Mohgaon) for Bauxite mining and various construction activities in favour of M/s Dharamji Morarji Chemical Company Limited (Mumbai) in the Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/23750/2017) - reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter no. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/23750/2017/265 dated 12.01.2024 on the above cited subject forwarding the required information. The examination of the said information has revealed that:

- i. The Hon'ble court in the year 2000 directed the State Govt. to renew the Mining lease however the same has been renewed in the year 2015. Hence, the justification behind delay in the renewal of mining lease shall be submitted.
- ii. The revenue papers of the Non-forest land uploaded online for Compensatory Afforestation have the type of land mentioned as Zudupi Jungle and Satkata Jungle in remarks column. Further, as per provisions given under sub-rule (1) rule 13 (3) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, says that in case of non-availability of the non-forest land, the compensatory afforestation can also be raised over revenue forest lands i.e. land recorded as forest in the Government records but not notified as forest under any law and not managed by the Forest Department viz. revenue lands or zudupi jungle or chhote-bade jhar ka jungle or jungle-jhari land or civil-soyam or orange forest lands which will be provided minimum double in extent of the area being diverted or difference between the forest land being diverted and the available non-forest land. In view of the above, the user agency shall provide CA land double in extent to the forest land proposed for diversion along with required details.
- iii. As per Chapter 7, Para 7.2 (5) of the Consolidated guidelines and Clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 says that the user agency seeking assignment of forest land for mining shall submit Mining Plan, approved by the competent authority, indicating the detailed pre-mining and post mining land use plan, mine Closure Plan and for activities other than mining a Detailed Project Report or Plan indicating the activities proposed on the forest land shall be submitted by the user agency along with the proposal. Hence, the present request of the State Govt. seeking relaxation in submitting the approved mining plan separately is not accepted at this juncture and the State Govt. shall submit the duly approved mining plan.
- iv. As per DSS analysis, the user agency has still not uploaded the KML file as per the component wise details given in online part-I which needs submission.
- v. As per the component wise breakup mentioned in online Part-I, the total broken forest area reported as 6.07 ha whereas the same has been mentioned in the Mining plan as

3.066 ha. This needs clarification.

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

Yours sincerely,

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

**Copy to:**

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.