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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003 Date: As per E-Sign

To.

- 1. The Additional Director General of Forest (Forest Conservation), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
- **2.** The Member Secretary (NTCA), National Tiger Conservation Authority CGO Complex, New Delhi.
- **3. Shri Nityanand Srivastava,** K-509 Govt. Bunglows, Sector 20, Gandhinagar382021.
- **4. The Dy. DGF (Central),** Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal.
- **5. The Additional Commissioner (Soil Conservation),** Krishi Bhawan, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, New Delhi.

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 2250.05 ha (instead of 2272.05 ha) forest land for construction of Morand - Ganjal Irrigation Project located in Hoshangabad, Betul, Harda and Khandwa Districts of Madhya Pradesh State in favour of M/s Narmada Valley Development Authority (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/36231/2018) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-3/16/2018/10-11/1667 dated 26.04.2023 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 27.01.2025. The

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minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in and after going through the facts of the proposal, the Committee recommended that:

To examine the proposal holistically keeping in view the facts of the case and other ecological considerations important for considering such proposals, a Sub-Committee shall visit the project area and submit a detailed report with clear recommendations for further needful. The Sub-Committee shall comprise of the following members:

- a. Shri Anjan Kumar Mohanty, Additional Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEF&CC, New Delhi. (Chairperson)
- b. Shri Nityanand Srivastava, Non- Official Member of Advisory Committee, (Member)
- c. DDGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal, (Member)
- d. A representative from National Tiger Conservation Authority, MoEF&CC, New Delhi (Member)
- e. Dr. Mehraj Sheikh, Additional Commissioner (Soil Conservation), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (Member)

The above sub-committee will be assisted by APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh for all needful support and logistics.

Accordingly, it is requested to submit the detailed report for further necessary action.

Signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 03-02-2025 09:56:33

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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- 1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
- 2. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
- 3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
- 4. User Agency;
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on

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