

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

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**Dated: As per E-Sign**

To,

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

**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 74.430 ha Reserved forest land for the construction of Damkheda Tank Project in favour of Water Resource Department in Khargone District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No FP/MP/IRRIG/40099/2019) - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-3/114/409274/0009/10 dated 22.01.2025 on the above cited subject forwarding the required information. The examination of the said information has revealed that:

- i. The copy of approval of CAT plan as per Para 9.2 & 9.3 of the consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), Adhiniyam, 1980 has not been submitted which needs submission.
- ii. The State Government has stated that an R&R Plan is not required because the project is a small-scale scheme. The claim that an R&R Plan is not required because the project is a small-scale scheme needs justification/clarification keeping in reference the relevant government policies and legal frameworks.
- iii. The 31 patta holders are dependent on the forest land for their livelihood. The State Government shall clarify how their rights will be settled and what specific measures are being taken in this regard.
- iv. The 31 patta holders are dependent on the forest land for their livelihood and their rehabilitation and compensation, if any, needs to be accounted for in the Cost Benefit Analysis. Therefore the State Government needs to submit a detailed clarification along with a revised Cost-Benefit Analysis, taking into account all relevant parameters.
- v. The State Govt. was asked that the Satellite imagery shows the presence of Agricultural lands, Road, Settlements in Submergence area as well as in the area earmarked for Canal. However the reply from the State Government provides basic quantitative data but lacks clarity on settlement impact,

rehabilitation plans, and approval status for land diversion.

vi. As per DSS analysis report, the following has been reported :-

- a. KML area of the Non-Forest land involved in the proposal is found 32.434 ha out of which 4.93 ha is falling in the forest land.
- b. Still the KML file along with the Dam area which is proposed to be constructed in the project has not been uploaded as well as updated on PARIVESH.
- c. On the examination of the KML file of proposed canal passing through the forest land, it is observed that, its width has been found varying from 8 meter to 40 meter. Further, the proposed Canal is crossing through River and the tributary. Hence, any aqueducts, tunnels or any proposed structures required to be constructed in the project shall be elaborated/submitted.

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, 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.