

**File No.8-16/2023-FC**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**  
**(FC Division)**

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,  
New Delhi- 110003  
**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 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,

Please refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 03.02.2025 (**copy enclosed**) on the above mentioned subject.

In this context, it is informed that the Sub- Committee under the Chairmanship Shri Anjan Kumar Mohanty, Additional Director General of Forests (Forest Conservation), MoEF&CC, New Delhi will visit the project area on **27th and 28th March, 2025** to examine the proposal holistically keeping in view the facts of the case and other ecological considerations important for considering such proposals.

In view of the above, it is requested to make arrangement for visit of the Sub-Committee in project area and provide logistic support to the Sub-committee.

**Encl./As above**

Digitally signed by  
SUNEET BHARDWAJ  
Date: 25-03-2025  
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Yours faithfully,

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

Copy for information and necessary action 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. All committee member.

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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. Bungalows,  
Sector 20, Gandhinagar 382021.

**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.

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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

minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://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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