

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

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Dated: March, 2024

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 349.00 ha forest land for the construction of Sangatha (AER) Medium Irrigation Project by the Water Resources Division under Shivpuri District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/32935/2018) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the letter no. F-3/52/2018/10-11/15/1158 dated 20.02.2024 of APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh on the above mentioned subject and to inform that after careful examination of the said information the following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. The State Govt. has now revised the KML file of the instant project and the canal proposed and passing through the Non-forest land have been included in the KML file. However, it is imperative to mention here that the canal area which has been proposed to be constructed in the Non-forest land has not been included in the component wise details furnished in the Part-I form. The State shall ensure that the component wise details of forest/non-forest land involved are correctly mentioned in the online application form.
- ii. The State government was asked that the suitability of the area for compensatory afforestation is required to be examined again. In this regard, the state has informed that the area earlier proposed for CA (on NFL) has now been changed and the same is suitable. However, the state has at the same time proposed certain area on DFL for plantation of additional

seedlings. In this regard the State shall ensure that the area(NFL) proposed for CA is suitable for raising Compensatory Afforestation as per the provisions of Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan)Rules,1980.

- iii. The State Govt. has not informed as to how much area of the proposed NFL is not suitable/fit for raising compensatory afforestation of a specified density and the reasons for the same have also not been specified.
- iv. Analysis of the satellite imagery of degraded forest land proposed for plantation has revealed the presence of plantation work in one patch namely PF 936 and a part of proposed patch namely RF-478 is affected with encroachment/ Agriculture.
- v. As asked in the previous communication, the State Government has not verified the total numbers of the trees getting affected.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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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.