

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

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Dated: 05th March, 2021

To,

1. The Principal Secretary(Forests)

Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal

2. The Regional Officer,

Integrated Regional Office,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Bhopal.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 530.85 ha. (instead of 505.5 ha.) of forest land for Construction of Banda Irrigation project in favour of M/s Water Resources Department, Sagar, in Sagar District, Madhya Pradesh State-regarding -reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF (Land Management) and Nodal Officer under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-3/97/2018/10-11/12/685 dated 15.02.2021 on the above mentioned subject vide which the State Govt. has requested the Ministry to change the area of diversion from 505.5 ha. to 530.85 ha. forest land and seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

In this regard the state govt. is requested to provide the additional information/documents for the shortcomings noticed as under:

- A. It should be ascertained that the plan addressing the shifting of transmission line requires additional forest land or not.
- B. Revised shape files of proposed forest diversion shows presence of settlements & agricultural fields which may require rehabilitation and resettlement of people having rights as pre FRA, 2006. State Government may submit their comments on this important issue.
- C. As per DSS analysis, it is reported that in the revised KML file of proposed forest diversion as uploaded on PARIVESH, a new feature is added near the submergence area and the details of the same is not furnished. State Government may submit their


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comments.

- D. As per DSS analysis, it is reported that approx. 22.34 Ha area of CA site namely Muderri (Khasra No 54) proposed in the instant project is overlapping with the CA site of another project having File No. 8-11/2018-FC Kadan Medium Project in which In-principle approval has already been accorded by this Ministry. One CA patch namely Pitholi (Khasra No. 1) having an area of 51 ha is already having plantation work done in the past. The state govt is accordingly required to give additional sites for CA.
- E. The revised tree enumeration details for the revised proposal of 530.85 ha forest land shall be submitted.
- F. *The approved CAT plan* shall be submitted in accordance to Para 9.2 (vi) of Handbook, 2019 of F(C)Act.

In view of the above, State Government is requested to furnish details/comments/clarification in the instant matter and Integrated Regional Office, Bhopal is also requested to submit a report on revised CA and additional forest area proposed for diversion to the Ministry for further consideration.

Yours faithfully
(Signature)
(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF/HoFF, Department of Environment & Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Department of Environment & Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
3. User Agency.
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.