

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 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 the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-3/16/2018/10-11/830 dated 06.02.2024 forwarding the information regarding proposal on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 28.02.2024. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee deferred the proposal for non-forest use of 2250.05 ha forest land for construction of Morand - Ganjal Irrigation Project for want of following information:

- i. In order to have actual assessment of the no. of trees involved in the project, the species wise and girth class wise complete enumeration of the trees falling in proposed diversion area as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
- ii. The study of the possible impacts of the project on the Biodiversity and Wildlife by Wildlife Institute of India along with the specific recommendation from the CWLW and State Govt. as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
- iii. The recommendations/comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) on the instant proposal as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
- iv. Necessary action as per rules to seek the requisite recommendations of NBWL/ SBWL as requested has not been taken by the State Govt. which needs submission.
- v. The complete CA scheme, along with relevant documents, revenue record, maps and KML files for the total non-forest land proposal for Compensatory Afforestation and to ensure that the proposed area is free from all encumbrances as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt.

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In view of the above, the Government of Madhya Pradesh is requested to furnish the information as above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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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.