

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

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New Delhi – 110003.

Dated: 13th April, 2023

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To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

Subject: Proposal for re-alignment and additional construction for production and storage of explosive products from 87.97 ha forest land, already diverted in favour of M/s. Solar Industries India Ltd. for the expansion of Explosives Manufacturing Unit at Chakdoh, Taluka Katol, District Nagpur in the Maharashtra State – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-3415/C.R.185/F-10 dated 17.03.2023 forwarding a proposal on the above cited subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After examining the proposal, the following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. The point wise status of compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-II/Final approval as communicated vide Ministry's letter of even no. dated 17.12.2018 read along with letter of even no. dated 20.05.2019 has not been submitted, which shall be provided.
- ii. As per the information submitted in the proposal the approval has been sought for change in location of the buildings which have been already constructed over 3.87 ha area within the originally approved construction area of 4.73 ha. The justification for shifting the location without intimation/approval of Central Government shall be submitted.
- iii. It has been informed that as the new products are being planned, an additional built up area of 5.25 ha is required for construction. However an area of 6 ha has been proposed to be used for this proposal. The reasons for seeking excess land of 6 ha against proposed additional built up area of 5.25 ha needs clarification.
- iv. The construction of buildings/built up area is non-site specific activity. The State Govt shall therefore explore the possibility of using Non forest land for the same. In case the use of forest land is unavoidable, the justification for the same shall be submitted.
- v. The State Government has mentioned that the User Agency will comply with

relevant condition of the approving authority, if any, for carrying out Afforestation against the 1800 Nos. of trees to be cut as indicated in the said proposal. Therefore, an undertaking for the same from user agency shall be submitted.

- vi. The KML file of 87.97 ha already approved forest land indicating 4.73 ha area approved for carrying out construction work, 3.87 ha forest land wherein construction work has been completed and 6 ha forest land now proposed for construction shall be submitted in simplified polygon format.
- vii. The KML file of 139.11 ha Non-forest land involved in the project shall be submitted in simplified polygon format.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 17-04-2023 11:50:22

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.