

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

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Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj
New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: 3rd April, 2020

To,

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 505.5 ha. of forest land for Construction of Banda Irrigation project in favour of M/s Water Resources Deptt, Sagar, in Sagar District, MP-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Satpura Bhawan, Government of Madhya Pradesh, vide their letter No.F-3/97/2018/10-11/12/868 dated 03rd March, 2020 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After preliminary scrutiny of the proposal the Ministry observed following shortcomings:

- i. The user agency has not submitted undertakings to bear the cost of CA & NPV.
- ii. Total proposed CA area for plantation is 505.05 ha. As per DSS cell of this Ministry, the calculated CA area is found 489 ha., Therefore, there is a discrepancy of 16.5 ha Non-forest area. The State Government may submit/uploaded .kml/shape file of the total proposed CA non-forest area.
- iii. The copy of the approved R&R Plan has not been given
- iv. The site inspection report of both DFO and CCF mentions that there is no displacement which obviates requirement of R& R Plan whereas forwarding letter of the State Government clearly indicates that 28 villages are getting affected. This glaring discrepancy needs clarification from the appropriate authority.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Brijendra Swaroop)
Dy.Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF & HoFF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal
2. The Dy. Director General (C), Regional Office (WZ), Bhopal
3. The Nodal Office (FCA), O/o PCCF, Forest Deptt., Govt. of MP, Bhopal
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading
6. Guard File.