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

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 New Delhi – 110003
Dated: 1st May, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 301.96 ha forest land for the construction of MP-30 Gandhi Sagar off- stream Pumped Storage Project (1440 MW) by M/s Greenko Energies Private Limited, Hyderabad in Neemuch Forest Division, Neemuch District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online proposa No. FPIMP/HYD/116943/2020) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter no. F-4/23/2021/10-11/1419 dated 10.04.2023 of PCCF(LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh on the above mentioned subject forwarding report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 24.08.2021 and inform that the following shortcoming have been observed in the reply:-

- I. As per condition no. A (i) of Stage-I approval dated 24.08.2021 it has been mentioned that the Wildlife Conservation Plan shall be updated in consultation with WII and approved by CWLW. The State Government informed that the Wildlife Conservation Plan as approved by CWLW vide their letter dated 21.06.2021 (which FAC has also considered) has been updated in consultation with WII, Dehradun. However thereafter the approval of CWLW on said Wildlife Conservation Plan has not been obtained.
- II. The Condition A(ii) of the Stage-1 approval inter-alia mentions that *a comprehensive plan regarding the protection, conservation and improvement of the areas surrounding the reservoir, roads and other components of the project will be prepared and implemented at the cost of the user agency.* Accordingly the Ministry vide letter dated 02.03.2023 informed the State Govt. that the Financial outlay required for the protection, conservation and improvement of areas surrounding the project has not been given and same has not been deposited in the CAMPA account by the user agency and same shall be submitted as per the Condition no. A (ii) of the Stage-I approval. In compliance to condition A(ii) the State Govt has now intimated that the funds(Rs 2,82,80,740/-) for raising plantation of vulnerable species have been deposited. However, no details about the plan and funds for the protection, conservation and improvement of the areas surrounding the project i.e. the reservoir, roads and other components of the project has been provided.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
 (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 Regional Officer, Integrated 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.