

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

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Dated: 15th May, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 1305.142 ha (instead of 1248.821 ha) forest land for the construction of Maa Ratangarh Multipurpose Project in favour of Executive Engineer, Dabra under Datia and Gwalior Districts of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/40397/2019) –regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-3/50/2019/10-11/6/3729 dated 11.11.2021 forwarding a proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 25.04.2023. 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 and decided that:

- i. The details of distribution network like canals and pipelines, which may further have required diversion of forest land etc. has not been given. A holistic proposal is required to be submitted as forest land may be required for laying of underground pipelines as well. The State Govt. shall therefore provide the complete lay out plan indicating all the components like canal, pipelines etc. The detail of the area requirement for these components shall also be submitted.
- ii. Sindh is a Tributary of Chambal River and therefore the impact of the proposed project on Chambal Wildlife Sanctuary and its surrounding water regimes shall be provided by the State Govt. along with the recommendations of the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.
- iii. The detailed Compensatory Afforestation scheme for the proposed non forest land (Ravine land) and degraded forest land shall be submitted.

3. 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,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forest

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh,

- Bhopal;
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