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

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Dated: 20-05-2026

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

Subject: Proposal for seeking approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.800 ha of reserved forest land for construction of Gaushala, Hospital and Library in Village Godarpura, Tehsil- Punasa of Khandwa District of Madhya Pradesh State in favour of the Manager, Shri Markandey Sannyas Ashram Public Trust, Omkareswer Mandhata- reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter dated 05.03.2026 on the above mentioned subject and to say that the proposal has been examined in the Ministry and the following has been observed:

- i. The proposal is non-site specific in nature. Accordingly, the State Government shall furnish the detailed justification for its site specificity and establishing the instant proposal on the proposed forest land for diversion.
- ii. The instant proposal involves the violation of the Adhiniyam, 1980 and the State Government reported that the violation has been commenced in the year before 2001. However, the proposal was submitted in the year 2021. Accordingly, the State Govt. shall furnish a detailed justification for delay in submission of the proposal for approval under the VSESA, 1980.
- iii. The instant proposal is for diversion of 0.8 ha. The State Government shall furnish the details of the extent of the violation and detailed Action Taken report on the violation of the Adhiniyam, 1980.
- iv. The State Government has not furnished the component wise KML files of the land proposed for diversion. Accordingly, the same needs to be submitted by the State Govt.
- v. As per the SIR of the DFO, Schedule-I species such as Chinkara etc. are found in and around the land proposed for diversion. Accordingly, the State Govt. shall furnish the comments of the CWLW in this regard.
- vi. The land proposed for diversion is below 1 ha. Accordingly, the State Government shall furnish the details of the CA scheme and KML files of the land identified for the CA purpose.
- vii. As per the justification submitted by the User Agency on the PARIVESH portal, "इस प्रस्तावित परियोजना हेतु वन भूमि (छोटे झाड़ का जंगल की भूमि, राजस्व विभाग

खसरा नंबर 1) उपलब्ध है एव इसके आतिरेक्त अन्य कोई विकल्प मौजूद नहीं है।” However, as per Part-II of the proposal, the legal status of the land proposed for diversion has been indicated as Reserved Forest. Accordingly, the State Government shall furnish the correct legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion.

- viii. State government shall ensure that the instant diversion proposal includes entire forest area encroached by the User Agency and no forest land beyond the proposed area is under encroachment of the User Agency.
- ix. State Government shall provide details of other encroachment, if any, in the nearby forest land.

2. Accordingly, the State Government is requested to submit the information/documents as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Deepika Chaudhary)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's Regional Office, at Bhopal.
3. APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading.