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(Forest Conservation Division)

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

Sub: Diversion of 40.468 ha forest land in village Phadki (Mohgaon) for Bauxite mining and various construction activities in favour of M/s Dharamji Morarji Chemical Company Limited (Mumbai) in the Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/23750/2017) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

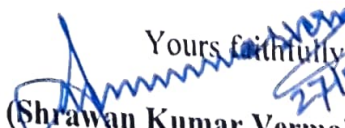
I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/23750/2017/1439 dated 03.05.2021 on the above cited subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to request that after examination of the said proposal the following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. The proposal has not been recommended for approval by the Chief Conservator of Forests Balaghat, The State govt. may therefore submit a detailed justification for not accepting the recommendation of CCF(Balaghat). Site inspection report of concerned CCF has not been submitted with the proposal, which may be submitted.
- ii. The Nodal officer has recommended the proposal citing the reason that the approval for extraction of Mineral extraction was given to the User agency during the period 1978-1998. The State Govt. may therefore submit the complete details of the mining leases and permissions accorded, along-with the details of area broken. The complete chronological history along with the details of violation of FCA,1980 if any be also provided.
- iii. The state govt. has recommended the proposal subject to preparation of a Wildlife Management Plan. It is therefore requested that the comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden on the given diversion proposal may be submitted.
- iv. The Cost Benefit Analysis has not be done as per the prescribed guidelines. The State Govt. may submit the Cost Benefit Analysis as per the prescribed format given in the Handbook of Guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter dated 28.03.2019.
- v. The revenue papers of the Non-forest land submitted for Compensatory Afforestation have the type of land mentioned as Zudupi Jungle and Satkata Jungle in remarks column. State govt. may verify the status of the proposed land. In case the area


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proposed for CA is forest land then the new areas are required to be proposed for Compensatory Afforestation.

- vi. The KML file of CA site which is proposed in Khursitola village is wrongly uploaded on PARIVESH website. The correct KML file shall be uploaded.
 - vii. Site suitability certificate of CA area stating that the CA areas are suitable for planting and are free from all encumbrances issued by concerned DFO shall be submitted.
 - viii. The Calculated area of forest land proposed for diversion is found 41.03 ha instead of proposed area of 40.468 ha. The accurate KML file shall be uploaded
 - ix. The Letter of Intent and the enclosures uploaded in Part-1 are not legible. It is requested to upload legible copies of the same.
 - x. The copy of the approval of mining plan has not been uploaded in Part-1 of the proposal, which may be uploaded.
 - xi. As per DSS report:
 - a. Approximately 1.2 ha area in the Non Forest Land proposed for CA is covered by road, river and water-bodies. The state govt. shall measure the actual area available for plantation on ground and provide details of additional NFL after deducting the same from the CA land proposed.
 - b. Out of 40.896 ha NFL proposed for CA, 3 ha is having very dense Vegetation and 25 ha is having moderate vegetation. Thus it may not be possible to raise the plantation at the rate of 1000 plants per hectare in the given area. The State govt. may therefore submit the details of the Degraded Forest Land where the balance plants will be planted as per Working Plan prescriptions..
 - c. Proposed forest diversion falls in High Conservation Value area, therefore, comments/justification of State Government for selecting a High Conservation Value area may be submitted.
2. It is therefore requested that the information on shortcomings, as indicated above, may be submitted for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Shrawan Kumar Verma)
Dy. Inspector General of Forests
27/05/2021

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1. The P.C.C.F & HoFF, Department of Environment & Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal.
3. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Department of Environment & Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading on PARIVESH portal.