

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

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**Dated: 07-05-2025**

To,

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

**Sub: Diversion of 244.039 ha (237.385 ha Dhar & 6.654 ha Alirajpur Forest Division) Reserved Forest land for construction of Chhotaudepur to Dhar New Broad Gauge Railway line in favour of Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction-II) Western Railway in Dhar & Alirajpur Districts of Madhya Pradesh (Online No. FP/MP/RAIL/154962/2022) -reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter no. F-5/1259/2023/10-11/1314 dated 28.04.2025 on above subject submitting information in response to the observation made by Ministry vide letter dated 18.03.2025 and to say that after examination of the said compliance report the following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. In compliance of condition no. (ii), the State Government has informed that the density of the forest area of 6.654 ha alleged to be under violation is 0.4/less than 0.4. However, as per details available in online Part-II, the proposed area for diversion is having density 0.4 and Eco-Class III. Moreover, the State Government in its forwarding letter dated 27.04.2023 has also reported canopy density of the proposed area for diversion is 0.4 with Eco-Class III. The density of 0.4 pertains to MDF. Therefore the user agency needs to deposit Rs. 4,08,75,189 against Penal NPV. However the user agency has deposited Rs. 2,15,50,050 against Penal NPV. The user agency therefore needs to deposit the balance amount of Rs. 1,93,25,139 online in CAMPA account.
- ii. In compliance of condition no. (iii), the State Government has not initiated action under section 3A and /or 3B of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as may be applicable for violation of the provisions of the said Adhiniyam against such person or authority or organization, prima-facie found responsible for the violation. The documentary evidence that the area was not recorded as forest in the revenue record has not been submitted. Justification or reply from the concerned authorities is also not enclosed.
- iii. In compliance of condition no.(v), the State Government has not submitted the detailed Animal Passage and mitigation plan along with financial provisions.

- iv. In compliance of condition no.(viii), it is to mention that as per details available in online Part-II the proposed area for diversion is having density 0.4 and Eco-Class III. Moreover, State Government in forwarding letter dated 27.04.2023 has also reported canopy density of the proposed area for diversion is 0.4 with Eco-Class III. The density of 0.4 pertains to MDF. In this regard, the NPV rates for the same is Rs. 12,28,590 per ha as per revised rates. Therefore the user agency needs to deposit Rs. 29,98,23,875 against NPV. However the user agency has deposited Rs. 23,37,35,673 against NPV. Therefore the user agency needs to deposit the balance amount of Rs. 6,60,88,202 online in CAMPA account.

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

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by  
Suneet Bhardwaj  
Date: 07-05-2025  
23:00:28

**Sd/-**  
**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF -cum-HoFF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, Forest Conservation Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.