

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Aliganj, Jor Bag Road,
New Delhi - 110003
Dated: 9th May, 2022

To

The Regional Officer,
Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC,
Jaipur, Rajasthan

Subject: Diversion of 248.5515 ha of forest land in favour of DMG, Rajasthan in Pahadpur Block A & B for mining and generation of employment and generation of District in the State of Rajasthan (FP/RJ/MIN/149012/2021).


Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Rajasthan's Letter No. P.1 (37) VAN/2022 dated 07.04.2022 forwarding the subject cited proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this regard, It is informed that this Ministry vide its letter of even no. dated 20/21th April, 2022 (**copy enclosed**) requested Govt. of Rajasthan to furnish certain information/document.

Since the area of the instant proposal is more than 100 ha., Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry, Jaipur, Rajasthan is requested to kindly carry out the site inspection of proposed forest land for diversion and sites identified for compensatory afforestation, and while submitting site inspection report (SIR), the points raised by the Ministry's letter dated 20/21.04.2022 may be taken into account.

Encl. as above.

Yours sincerely,


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(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
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Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
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Dated: 20th April, 2022

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Rajasthan,
Jaipur

Subject: Diversion of 248.5515 ha of forest land in favour of DMG, Rajasthan in Pahadpur Block A & B for mining and generation of employment and generation of District in the State of Rajasthan (FP/RJ/MIN/149012/2021).

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Rajasthan's Letter No. P.1 (37) VAN/2022 dated 07.04.2022 forwarding the above subject proposal seeking prior approval under Section (2) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After scrutiny of the proposal, the following observations are made:

- i. As per DSS analyses, 15.30 ha. of proposed forest area is within in the eco-sensitive zone of Band Baretha Wildlife Sanctuary. As per the site specific observation of DCF Bharatpur, it has been highly recommended that no mining lease should be given in this area. The State Govt has also recommended the proposal subject to the suggestions in recommendations given by the NO/CCF/DCF. The State Govt may therefore revisit the proposal and since 15.30 ha area is to be kept out of the mining lease, therefore the revised maps/documents may be submitted accordingly.
- ii. The total cost of Compensatory Afforestation indicated on PARIVESH portal is Rs.688.67 lakh whereas the total cost as per the CA Scheme prepared by the DCF, Bharatpur is Rs.950.6739 lakh. The variation may be verified and the CA scheme approved by the competent authority be uploaded on the PARIVESH portal.
- iii. As mentioned in the recommendations of DCF/CCF the detailed mining plan has not been submitted. The state govt. may therefore submit a copy of approved mining plan/ detailed cluster mining plan incorporating the scope of common green infrastructure for all sub-leases to optimize resources and minimize ecological impact.
- iv. The Cost Benefit analysis has not been prepared as per the guidelines issued by the ministry in this regard. The same may therefore be revised keeping in view the guidelines as well as the revised rates of NPV.
- v. The proposal is in continuation of an earlier proposal no. FP/RAJ/MIN/125714/2021 including an area of 398.0085 ha for which Stage-II approval has been issued by the Central Government. The reasons/justification for submitting the proposals in piecemeal may therefore be submitted.

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- vi. The kml file indicating the area proposed for safety zone has not been submitted, which is required to be done.
- vii. The State Govt has proposed 300 ha area in four patches of DFL to plant the remaining plants which can not be accommodated in the CA area. As per DSS analysis certain encroachments are visible in the Shahpur area. The State Govt shall therefore ensure that the area proposed for CA and planting the remaining plants is free from all encumbrances and submit a certificate to this effect.

In view of above, the State Govt. is requested to provide the information/document/clarification on the points as indicated above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal CCF & (HoFF), Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Jaipur, Rajasthan;
3. The Nodal Officer(FCA), O/o the PCCF, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.

Signed by Suneet Bhardwa
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