Sub: Diversion of 95.387 ha. of forest land in favour of Water Resources development for Chunar Tank Project in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh.

The State Government vide their letter No.F-3/80/2015/10-11/8/819 dated 24.03.2017 had submitted a fresh proposal to obtain the prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 95.387 ha. of forest land in favour of in favour of Water Resources development for Chunar Tank Project in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh.

1. The facts related to the proposal as contained in the State Government's letter dated 24.03.2017 are given below in the form of fact sheet:

FACT SHEET

1.	Name of the Proposal	Diversion of 95.387 ha. of forest land in favour of Water Resources development for Chunar Tank	
		Project in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh.	
2.	Location		
	(i) State (ii) District	Madhya Pradesh Dhar	
3.	Particulars of Forests:	Dhar(T)	
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	a. Name of Forest Division and Forest area involved.	95.387 ha.	
	b. Legal status/Sy.No.	Protected Forest	
	c. Maps	(i) Geo-referenced map on the scale of (1:8000) of forest land proposed to be diverted prepared by using GPS or Total Station may be seen at (pg-374/c).	
		(ii) SOI Toposheet on scale of (1:50,000) indicating boundary of forest land proposed to be diverted may be seen at (pg-376/c).	
4.	Topography of the area		
	(i) Geology		
	(ii) Vulnerability to erosion	The State government has undertaken that after completion of project the water level of the near	

		forest will increase and the chances of soil erosion will decrease. (Pg. 342/c)
5.	(i) Vegetation	(i) Sagon, Neem, Khamer, Aam, Jamun, Pathrali, Palash, Babool Pipal etcetra.
	(ii) Density	(ii) 0.20-0.40
	(iii) No. of trees to be felled	(iii) 3505 trees
6.	Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion:	Monkey-200, here-22, Fox-14, Hyaena-06, Jackal-16, Blue Bull-12, Peacock-45, jungle Cat- 06, Mangoose-06
7.	Whether forms part of National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, etc. (if so, details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden	NO, See(Pg. 149/c)
8.	Whether any RET species of flora and fauna are found in the area. If so details thereof.	NO, See(Pg. 153/c)
9.	Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	The proposed site is situated on boundary of forest.
10.	Significance of the forest land proposed for diversion from wildlife point of view:	
11.	Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monuments is located in the area.	There is no protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment in the proposed area. See(Pg. 149/c)
12.	Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located with in eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified, then, 10 Kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ)	No
13.	Whether any work of in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	No

14.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part-I	Yes, the requirement of land is unavoidable and barest minimum.	
	is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project, if no recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.		
15.	Whether clearance under the Environment (protection) Act, 1986 is required?	No	
16.	Compensatory Afforestation		
17.	(i) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for CA, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patches.	95.387 ha of non forest land at Dhar Forest Division is identified for CA in Khakriyaghat village as per following details:	
		 Khasra Survey no. 76 Area – 10.438 ha Survey no 153 Area- 37.500 ha Suvey n 169 area- 47.449 ha 	
		Totaling to: 95.387 ha.	
18.	(ii) Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for CA and adjoining forest boundaries.	Maps are present within CA Scheme which can be seen at (Pg. 53-148/c)	
		The Maps/ Soft copies of KML files for CA are submitted with the proposal.	
19.	Detailed CA scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.	Yes, detailed CA scheme may be seen at (Pg. 53-148/c).	
20.	Total financial outlay of 10 years for CA programme	Rs 37933381.00/-	
21.	Certificate from the competent authority regarding suitability of the area identified for CA and from management point of view.	The Duly signed certificate for suitability of area identified for CA and from management point of view may be seen at Pg. 152/c.	
22.	Details of Cost-Benefit analysis for the project.	The cost benefit ratio is – 1.56	
		The benefit cost ratio is - 2.67	
		The detailed Cost-Benefit analysis is available at Pg. 16/c.	
23.	Catchment Area Treatment	As per the undertaking given by the DFO there is no requirement of CAT plan. The same may be seen at Pg. 357/c.	

24.	Command Area of the project	1620 ha.
25.	Compliance of Scheduled Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006	The certificates on Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 for an area of 95.387 ha have been given and the same is available at Pg. 7/c. The copies of Gram Sabha resolutions are available at Pg. 367-371/c.
26.	Rehabilitation of Oustees	As reported by DFO no R&R plan required because of project being a minor one. It is also reported that effected person will be awarded compensation for there house and property. May please see Pg. 38/c.
27.	a) No of families involvedb) Category of familiesc) Details of rehabilitation plan	No any families are proposed for displacement in this project. Not Applicable Not Applicable
28.	Total Cost of the Project	Rs. 2582.92 (In lacs)
29.	Recommendation	
	i. DFO	Recommended, Pg-38-39/c
	ii. CCF	Recommended, Pg-52/c
	iii. Nodal Officer	Recommended, Pg-381/c
	iv SG	Recommended, Pg-382/c

30.	District Profile		
	(i)	Total Geographical area of the district.	8153.00 Sq. Km.
	(ii)	Total Forest area/Divisional Forest area.	1300.34 Sq. Km.
	(iii)	Total area diverted since 1980.	813.580 (22 cases)
	(iv)	Total CA stipulated since 1980 (Forest land). Forest land	2395.717 ha. (including penal CA)
	b.	Non Forest land	
	, ,	Progress of Compensatory Afforestation.	2342.417 ha
		Forest land Non Forest land	9.721 ha