

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

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Office Memorandum

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 466.592 ha forest land in favour of Airport Authority of India Kota for Construction of New Green Field Airport Kota, District-Bundi in the State of Rajasthan (Online Proposal No.FP/RJ/Others/150590/2021).-regarding.

I am directed refer to the above mentioned subject proposal and to inform that the Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Rajasthan has informed that the areas proposed for diversion with respect to the instant proposal fall within 7.2 km of Chambal Gharial Sanctuary. The ESZ of this Chambal Gharial Sanctuary has not been notified yet by the State Government. As per the Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court NBWL Clearance will be required for all proposal which falls within the 10 km of National park or Sanctuary if the ESZ is not declared. .

2. Further I would like to draw your attention to the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dt. 03.06.2022, vide which it has directed that:-

(a) Each protected forest, that is national park or wildlife sanctuary must have an ESZ of minimum one kilometre measured from the demarcated boundary of such protected forest in which the activities prescribed in the Guidelines of 9th February 2011 shall be strictly adhered to.

In view of above the Wildlife Division of this Ministry is kindly requested clarify whether the approval of NBWL is required in the instant Proposal.

Yours faithfully,

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To
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