

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

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Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110003
Dated: 10th July, 2023

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

Subject: Proposal for re-alignment and additional construction for production and storage of explosive products from 87.97 ha forest land, already diverted in favour of M/s. Solar Industries India Ltd. for the expansion of Explosives Manufacturing Unit at Chakdoh, Taluka Katol, District Nagpur in the Maharashtra State – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-3415/C.R.185/F-10 dated 25.05.2023 received in the Division on 21.06.2023 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:-

- i. As per the condition no. (iii) stipulated in Final approval letter dated 17.12.2018 it has been mentioned that the non-forest land which is transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation towards the instant proposal, shall be declared as Reserve Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act. However the compliance of same has not submitted which needs submission.
- ii. As per additional condition no. (i) stipulated in Final approval as communicated vide Ministry letter dated 20.05.2019 it has been mentioned that a copy of plan, along with the progress report shall be submitted to the Ministry. In this regard the State Government has submitted the copy of Conservation plan for Wildlife. However the progress report has not been submitted which needs submission.
- iii. The status of the compliance submitted and as referred to by the state government has been submitted by the user agency vide letters dated 20.12.2018 and 10.07.2020. Many of the compliances therein are in the form of undertakings. The State Government has to submit the as on date updated status of compliance of all the conditions stipulated therein.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Dy. DG (C), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.