

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

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Dated: ~~25th~~ July, 2022

27th

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 80.737 ha of forest land (8.33 ha. Forest land & 72.407 Revenue Forest land) for establishment of Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Chhindwara Dist. of MP State in favour of M/s Chhindwara Plus Developers Ltd (Online No. FP/MP/Others/27128/2017) - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the PCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-5/867/2019/10-11/2221 dated 23.06.2022 on the above subject forwarding the request of M/s Chhindwara Plus Developers Ltd.

In this regard, this Ministry in past had issue Stage-1 approval for diversion of 1576.81 ha. of forest land in favour of Adani ports and Special Economic Zone limited (SEZ) vide letter F.No.8-04/2016-FC dated 16.11.2018 wherein condition No.(xix) reads that CA shall be done over double the non-forest land.

Also based on the recommendation of FAC and approval of competent authority the Ministry vide letter of even no. dated 11.02.2020 issued Stage-I approval with condition no. (ii) *i.e.* Norms and guidelines followed in similar proposals shall be applicable in the instant case. Hence, the said norms are also applicable in the instant proposal.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to furnish the information as requested vide letter of even no. dated 23.05.2022 for further consideration of the proposal for Final/Stage-II approval.

Yours sincerely,

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

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC for uploading on PARIVESH portal.