

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

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Dated: 5th July, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 530.85 ha (instead of 505.5 ha) of forest land for Construction of Banda Irrigation project in favour of M/s Water Resources Department in Sagar District, Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/33882/2018) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to letter no. F-3/97/2018/10-11/12/2232 dated 31.05.2023 of PCCF(LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh on the above mentioned subject forwarding report on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 28.07.2021 and inform that the following shortcoming have been observed in the reply:

- i. As per the Condition A(i), the State Govt. had to ensure that either all the transmission lines are merged into a single line or the same tower is used for mounting all lines, thereby reducing the total requirement of forest land. In this regard, it has been submitted that the same is not possible and instead of one, four transmission lines have been proposed. Keeping in view the fact that the condition imposed is a specific condition of the Stage-1 approval, the State gov. shall explore available options to reduce the total requirement of forest land as stipulated therein and comply with the above mentioned condition.
- ii. In view of condition no. A (i) the undertaking by the User agency has been submitted, however, the undertaking from the State Government that the 'fait accompli' diversion proposal for shifting of transmission lines should not be passing over the non-forest land (NFL) pledged for Compensatory Afforestation has not been submitted and same needs to be submitted.
- iii. In view of condition no. A (ii) the details of transmission line 'Shifting Plan' of the transmission line as per the consensus of all the user agencies has not been submitted and same needs submission along with the details of the forest/non-forest area involved.
- iv. In view of condition no. A (iv) the undertaking from the user agency that Fringe Area Protection Plan prepared by the State Forest Department will be implemented at their own cost under the supervision of State Forest Department shall be submitted.
- v. The details about cost of compensatory afforestation deposited for Bina Irrigation Project and that proposed to be adjusted for Banda Project has not been submitted and same needs to be submitted.
- vi. The details regarding NPV deposited for Bina irrigation project and NPV proposed

to be adjusted for the Banda Project has not been submitted and same needs to be submitted.

- vii. Moreover as per the details available on PARIVESH portal for Bina Irrigation proposal it has been observed that user agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 4,08,04,534/- as NPV for diversion of 530.85 ha of forest land for Banda Irrigation Project. However NPV has to be deposited for [530.85 ha (Banda project) - 405.94 ha (Bina Project) = 124.91 ha] for balance 124.91 ha x Rs 8,03,000/- (Dense forest, Eco-class III) which amounts to Rs. 100,302,730/-. Therefore, it is concluded that the user agency has deposited Rs. 59,498,196/- less amount towards NPV in the instant proposal. The same shall be examined by the state government and the actual NPV amount in view of instant proposal shall be deposited online.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 05-07-2023 10:19:51

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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 Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.