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

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**Dated:12-08-2025**

To

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)  
Department of Forests  
Government of Madhya Pradesh  
Bhopal.

**Subject: Proposal for seeking Ex-post facto approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for non-forestry use of 43.149 ha Reserve Forest land in favour of the Water Resource Department for the construction of Ganga Bawari Tank Project under Neemuch District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/32285/2018) - regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-3/82/2018/10-11/16/4572 dated 27.08.2024 and further clarification/details provided vide letter dated 30.06.2025 on the proposal mentioned in above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the proposal was considered in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 30.07.2025. The detailed minutes of the said meeting is placed on the website of this Ministry: [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in). After examination of the proposal the Committee deferred the proposal for want of the following information:

- i. The detailed report on the action taken by the State Government against the persons/officials responsible for breaking up of forest land without the prior approval of the central government under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be submitted.
- ii. The comments and clear recommendations of the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW) on the proposal shall be submitted.
- iii. The State government has informed that 0.441 ha of forest land has been de-notified vide notification dated 12.11.1990. However it is not clear whether the said land is included in the diversion proposal or not. Further the state shall examine and submit the details of violation involved in the denotification of the forest land and action taken report if any.

3. In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish the information, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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

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