

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

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Dated: August, 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-3/97/2018/10-11/12/3485 dated 02.08.2023 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, again 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 govt. shall explore available options to reduce the total requirement of forest land as stipulated therein and comply with the above mentioned condition. In this regard, the state has submitted that the same is not feasible, however a detailed technical report has not been submitted in this regard.
- ii. Again the details about cost of compensatory afforestation deposited for Beena Irrigation Project and that proposed to be adjusted for Banda Project has not been submitted.

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,

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 Dy. DGF (Central), 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.