

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

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests & Environment,
Government of Rajasthan,
Jaipur.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 149.3002 ha of forest land for open cast Iron Ore Mining in favour of M/s Ojaswi Marble & Granite Pvt. Ltd. in District Sikar, Rajasthan (Online proposal No. FP/RJ/MIN/3869/2013) -regarding.

Madam /Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Rajasthan's letters No.P.1(11) VAN/2014 dated 10.06.2022 furnishing additional information towards instant proposal on Ministry's letter of even No. dated 24.03.2022. Based on the additional information submitted by the State, the following shortcomings have been observed:

1. The proposal documents mention the area of the safety zone, however, the width of the safety zone proposed in the instant mining lease has not been found in the documents available in the proposal. The State shall therefore intimate the width of the safety zone and ensure that the same is commensurate with the area figures.
2. It is observed that a MoU was signed on 16.10.2015 by the user agency with the Govt. of Rajasthan for the establishment of Steel Plant and validity of the said MoU expired on 15.10.16. The present status of MoU is not known in the Ministry which may be intimated.
3. While submitting the proposal, the Compensatory Afforestation was originally proposed to be carried out in three patches (29.22 ha in village Kharag Beejpur, Neemkathana, Sikar, 119.94 ha in village Garhtaknet, Shri Madhopur, Sikar and 0.1402 ha in village Surani, Shrimadhapur, Sikar) which has been changed to two new patches (135.03 ha in Udaipur District and 14.27 ha. in Pratapgarh Distt.) by the State Govt. without indicating reasons for change in CA Sites. The reasons for change in CA sites be submitted.
4. A detailed note along with the current status of each court case/appeal pertaining to the instant proposal is also required to be submitted.

In view of above, Govt. of Rajasthan is requested to provide the information/clarification on the above points for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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- 1.The Principal CCF & (HoFF), Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur;
- 2.The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Jaipur, Rajasthan;
- 3.The Nodal Officer(FCA), O/o the PCCF, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur;
- 4.User Agency;and
- 5.Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, IPB New Delhi.