

Subject : Diversion of 80.737 ha. of Forest land in favour of M/s CHHINDWARA PLUS DEVELOPERS LIMITED for Establishment of Special Economic Zone, Chhindwara in District Chhindwara , State Madhya Pradesh.

1. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter no. F-5/867/2019/10-11/1109 and date 22-04-2019 submitted the above mentioned proposal to obtain prior approval of central Government, in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest(Conservation)Act,1980.

2. Details indicated in the proposal submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh are as below

FACT SHEET

1.	Project Details	
(i)	Proposal No	FP/MP/Others/27128/2017
(ii)	Name of the Proposal	Establishment of Special Economic Zone, Chhindwara
(iii)	Short Narrative of the proposal and Project/scheme for which the forest land is Required	To develop special economic zone. This zone will facilitate various industries for production of multi product.
(iv)	Category	Others
(v)	Total Area of the Forest Land (in ha.):	80.737
(vi)	Total period for which the forest land is proposed to be diverted(in years)	99
2.	Location:	
(i)	State	Madhya Pradesh
(ii)	District	Chhindwara
3.	Detail of user agency	
(i)	Name of the user agency	CHHINDWARA PLUS DEVELOPERS LIMITED
(ii)	Shape of forest land proposed to be diverted	Non Linear
(iii)	Legal status of User Agency	Private

4. Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion

S. No.	Division	Forest Land(ha.)	Legal Status
1	Chhindwara South(T)	8.33	Protected Forest
2	Chhindwara South(T)	72.407	Revenue Forest

5. Land use plan

Component wise breakup

S.no	Component	Forest Land(ha.)	Non-Forest Land(ha.)
1	Special Economic zone	80.737	1239.328

Total	80.737	1239.328
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6. Vegetation

(i) Species-wise and diameter class wise enumeration of trees

1.Division Name :Chhindwara South(T)

Species-wise local/scientific names and girth-wise enumeration of trees at FRL

S. No.	Scientific Name	Local Name	(0-30)cm.	(31-60)cm.	(61-90)cm.	(91-120)cm.	(121-150)cm.	(>150)cm.
1	Tectona Grandis	Sagon	-1	587	695	339	65	27
2	Ougeinia oojeinensis	Tinsa	-1	5	3	1		
3	Terminalia Tomentosa	Saja	-1	8				
4	Boswellia Serrata	Salai	-1		3	1	1	
5	Others	Satkata	-1	227	226	103	29	89

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11.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project.if no,recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	Yes												
12.	Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out(yes/No).if yes,details of the same including of the work done,action taken on erring	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Details of violation(s), if any ,committed</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Division Name</th> <th>Details of violation(s)</th> <th>Period of Work done(year)</th> <th>Area of forest land involved in violation (in ha.):</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Details of violation(s), if any ,committed				Division Name	Details of violation(s)	Period of Work done(year)	Area of forest land involved in violation (in ha.):				
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	officials. Whether work in violation is still under progress.	Chhindwara South(T)	No	No	No
13.	Details of compensatory afforestation scheme				
(i)	Patch wise details of non-forest or Revenue forest land to be provided by User Agency for CA				
	Patch Wise Details				
	S.no	District Name	Village	Area(in ha.)	
	1	Chhindwara	hivarsanadvar, gondiwadhona, dudhalakala	80.737	
	Total	Area :80.737			
(ii)	Patch wise details for Degraded Area (To be earmarked by DFO)				
	No Data				
(iii)	Total Financial Outlay for C.A(lacs):	S.No.	Division Name	Total Financial Outlay for C.A(lacs)	
		1	Chhindwara South(T)	397.75	
(iv)	Whether the land identified by User Agency is suitable for CA and from managementpoint of view:	S.No.	Division Name	Land is suitable for CA	
		1	Chhindwara South(T)	Yes	
14.	Documentary evidence in support of settlement of rights in accordance with the provisions of the scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers(Recognition of forest Rights) Act,2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted enclosed.	FRA certificate has been issued vide letter no. 1018-ACTW-2015-16 dated 15-03-2016 by District Collector Chhinwara, MP and the same has been submitted by the User Agency (Page No. 315- 320).			
15.	Whether the project requires envirnment Clearance	(a). Status of the Environmental Clearance to the Project: EC application yet to be submitted			
16.	Catchment Area Treatment Plan	NA			
17.	Rehabilitaion of Outstee				
(i)	Number of SC Families	0			
(ii)	Number of ST Families	0			
(iii)	Number of Backword Families	0			
(iv)	Copies of R&R Plan	NA			
18.	Cost Benefit Analysis	The User Agency has not submitted Cost-Benefit Analysis as per the Annexure III of the Comprehensive guideline 2019 issued by			

		this Ministry dated 28.03.2019.
19.	Total cost of the project(in crore):	250000
20.	Employment Potential	Permanent Employee : 40000 Temporary Employee : 39966 Total Employee : 79966
21.	Details of Mining lease	No
22.	Undertaking to bear the cost of CA and NPV	CA-yes (Pg no 202) NPV and Add NPV -Yes (pg No 205)

23. District Profile

S.no	District Name	Geographical area of the district (in ha.)	Forest area of the district (in ha.)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 (in ha.)	No. of Approved Cases	Forest Land including penal C.A. (in ha.)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on(date)	Forest land (in ha.)	Non-forest land (in ha.)
1	Chhindwara	1197155.3	417493.4	441.705	43	689.01	11/03/2019	578.254	33.076

24.	Total area proposed for afforested since 1980 -	Degraded forest land - 689.01 Penal CA over Forest land - 578.254 Non-Forest land - 33.076 Total- 1300.34
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26. Site Inspection Report

Division	Circle	Site Inspection By	Date Of Visit	Brief Details of SIR at DFO
Chhindwara South(T)	Chhindwara(T)	DFO	11/03/2019	Proposal is recommended for diversion of 80.737 ha.
	Chhindwara(T)	CF	12/03/2019	Recommended
		Nodal Officer	02/04/2019	

27. Recommendation with Specific conditions,(if any)

DFO/CF/PCCF/Nodal Officer

Division	Circle	Recommendation By	Recommendation	Remarks/Conditions
Chhindwara South(T)	Chhindwara(T)	DFO	Recommended	Proposed forest land is falling in site the proposed project area of SEZ. Industrial

				development and also create employment Generation for 2000 people.
	Chhindwara(T)	CF	Recommended	Recommended
		Nodal Officer	Recommended	Recommended.

28. Specific recommendation of the State Government

State	Recommendation By	Recommendation	Remarks/Conditions
Madhya Pradesh	State Secretary	Recommended	
29.	Forwarding Letter for Nodal Officer		Given at Page No. 1-1E/c.
30.	Forwarding Letter for State Government		Given at page no. 415/c

Comments of Additional Information By :

i. DSS & GIS Division Remarks

ii. Scientist-C/TO Remarks

As per the details given by UA at page no. 309/c-

Brief Summary of the Project-

Chhindwara Plus Developers Ltd., Nagpur is a limited company promoted by Haldiram & Sanvjjay groups from Nagpur. The company proposes to develop a Multi Product Special Economic Zone the drive is to offer an unmatched convenience of world class infrastructure for industrial and allied projects.

The whole project will evolve around, and have at its nucleus the smart development concepts, Digital management, the first industrial location With environmental aspects displayed digitally, water, electricity transport Will all be managed by centralized digitalized operations.

The proposed development is slated to cover an area of 1320.065 hectares located on NH. 547 Which bisects the land into two parts 833 hectares towards the east of the highway and 487 hectares towards to the west of the highway.

The purpose of the project-

1. To act as an anchor to the growth story of Madhya Pradesh.
2. To ease and facilitate immediate commissioning of industrial units.
3. Smart City digital management where all members are stakeholder.
4. Swachh Bharat Pyramid to be proposed and implemented.

The proposed development at Chhindwara Plus SEZ, falling under project activity-7 (C) Industrial estates/ parks/ complexes/areas, Exports processing zones (EPZs), Special Economic Zones (SEZs), Biotech Parks, Leather Complexes The Proposed development of Chhindwara Plus falls under category-A if at least one industry in the Proposed industrial estate falls under category-A.

Nature of project-

The slated development of Chhindwara Plus SEZ is envisaged as a Multi-Product SEZ, incorporating a Smart Production, hassle free environment for manufacturing, IT/ BT precision industry, Garment, Agro Base, Pharmaceutical Industry, and Engineering Industries. A reservation for aero plane parts is also proposed.

The earmarked Site for the development is basically a rural area. The site is located on the foothills of Satpuda Range and admeasures 1320.065 hectares (3260.56 acres). In the said project the above area also includes Revenue Forest Land of 80.065 hectare scattered in various village mentioned as above. It necessity of the project to make the land contiguous and also it is compulsion under SEZ Act, 2005. Hence there is no option to leave the forest land from our Project area. However, during land acquisition we had tried all the possibilities of not to include forest land adjoining to our SEZ boundary.

Observations-

1. Justification for locating the project in forest area is not appropriate.
2. The total land required for this project is 1320.065 ha including 80.737 ha of forest land. The User Agency has provided KML file only of 80.737 ha instead of the entire area. The User Agency may be requested to upload the KML file for both areas in different colour.
3. Land Use Plan of the proposed forest land to be diverted is not given.
4. Land Use map is not approved by the competent authority.
5. Approval of the project by the competent authority with respect to the State Government is not given.
6. CA scheme is given for seven years instead of ten year plantation scheme.
7. SOI toposheet provided for CA land is submitted in hard form but same has not been uploaded in online application form-II under column 13 (iii).
8. The User Agency has not submitted Cost-Benefit Analysis as per the Annexure III of the Comprehensive guideline 2019 issued by this Ministry dated 28.03.2019.

The above observations were communicated to the State Government of MP vide this Ministry's letter dated 23.07.2019. Now the APCCF (Land Management) and Nodal Officer (FCA-1980), State Government of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter No.F-5/867/2019/10-11/2443 Bhopal dated 25.07.2019 and letter No.F-5/867/2019/10-11/2701 Bhopal dated 27.08.2019(Pg.429-649/c) has forwarded additional information in respect of this Ministry's letter dated 23.07.2019 (Pg.427-428/c). The point wise is given as under

S. No.	Observations raised by the MoEF& CC 23.07.2019	Reply submitted by the State Govt. of MP on 25.07.2019 & 27.08.2019
1.	The justification for locating the project in the forest area is not appropriate.	In this regard the State Government informed that the user agency has given a justification for locating the project in forest area, and the same is uploaded on the Ministry web portal in part-1 (i)(D). (Pg.433/c)
2.	The total land required for this project is 1320.065 ha including 80.737 ha of forest land. The User Agency has provided KML file only of 80.737 ha instead of the entire area and the KML file for the entire area i.e. 1320.065 ha may be uploaded.	In this regard the State Government informed that the user has given and uploaded a KML file for proposed area i.e. 1320.065 ha. on the Ministry's web portal C (ii) (a).
3.	CA scheme is given for seven years instead of ten year plantation scheme.	In this regard the State Government informed that the user agency has submitted a copy of CA scheme for maintenance of ten years with the cost structures, copy of the same is placed in the file at (Pg.442-649/c).
4.	Land Use Plan of the proposed forest land to be diverted is not been provided.	In this regard the State Government informed that the user agency has given a land use plan and the same is uploaded on the Ministry's web-portal (Pg.434/c).

5.	Land Use map submitted is not approved by the competent authority.	In this regard the State Government informed that the user agency has given a land use and the same is uploaded on the Ministry's web-portal (Pg.441/c).
6.	The purpose wise breakup of the proposed Forest Area is not provided by the User Agency.	In this regard the State Government informed that the user agency has given purpose wise breakup of the proposed forest area and the same is uploaded on the Ministry's web-portal (Pg.435/c).
7.	SOI toposheet provided for CA land is submitted in hard copy format but same has not been uploaded in online application form-II under column 13 (iii).	In this regard the State Government informed that the user agency has submitted a copy of SOI toposheet provided for CA land is submitted in hard copy format but same has not been uploaded in online. (Pg.297/c), (Pg.355/c) and (Pg.356/c).
8.	The User Agency has not submitted Cost-Benefit Analysis as per the Annexure III of the Comprehensive guideline 2019 issued by this Ministry dated 28.03.2019.	In this regard the State Government informed that the user agency has submitted a copy of the cost benefit analysis report as per the Annexure III of the Comprehensive guideline 2019 issued by this Ministry dated 28.03.2019, copy of the same available in the file at (Pg.436-440/c).

It is proposed that the proposal along with additional information may be placed before the Forest Advisory Committee in its forthcoming meeting scheduled to be held on **26.09.2019** for its examination and appropriate recommendations.
