

Sub. Diversion of 30.760 ha forest land for construction of Nirandpur Tank in Sagar District, Madhya Pradesh State– regarding.

1. The Government of Madhya Pradesh, forest Department vide their letter No. F-5/66/90/10/3 dated 20.03.1991 had been forwarded the proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 30.760 ha forest land for construction of Nirandpur Tank in Sagar District, Madhya Pradesh State.
2. The Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, GoI has been accorded final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) on dated 11.07.1992 (**Pg. 4/c**) for diversion of 30.760 ha forest land for construction of Nirandpur Tank in Sagar District, Madhya Pradesh State.
3. Subsequently, after getting Stage-II approval the User Agency started the construction work, in the meantime Hon'ble Supreme Court orders dated 14.02.2000 and 13.11.2000 came out relating to management of the protected areas, any de-reservation as well as felling of trees in National Parks/ Wildlife Sanctuaries have been stopped, which were communicated to State Government vide this Ministry's letter dated 06.06.2002 with a request to stop further work on the project, including felling of trees, till the case is got reviewed by the Indian Board of Wildlife and orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court sought and Meanwhile the approval accorded to this proposal on 11.07.1992 were kept in 'abeyance'.
4. Meanwhile, the approval accorded to this proposal earlier on 11.07.1992 is kept in abeyance vide its Ministry's letter dated 06.06.2002 (**Pg. 5/c**).
5. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-3/31/87/10-11/12/102 Bhopal dated 11th January, 2016 has been requesting to revive the Stage-II approval kept in 'abeyance' in the weak of Apex Court's Order dated 14.02.2000, which was accorded earlier on 11.07.1992 by Central Government under Section -2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After examining the information submitted by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, it is observed that compliance on the points / recommendations of Standing Committee of NBWL (National Board of Wildlife) is yet to be submitted to this office.
6. The same was communicated to State Government of Madhya Pradesh vide this Ministry's letter dated 04th July, 2016 (**Pg.110/c**). Now the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-3/31/87/10-11/12/1747 Bhopal dated 09.08.2016 (**Pg. 111-120/c**). After examination the information submitted by State Government of Madhya Pradesh, the request to the Regional Office, Bhopal of this Ministry may kindly carried out the Site Inspection Report with full details of existing work done on site and also keeping in view of the recommendation of National Board of Wildlife, and communicated to the Regional Office, Bhopal vide its Ministry's letter dated 30.01.2017 (**Pg. 121/c**). The Regional Office, Bhopal vide their letter No. 8-61/1991-FC/Part file/104 dated 17.02.2017 (**Pg. 152-181/c**), after examination the Site Inspection Report Carried out the by the RO, Bhopal, the following observations was noted:
 - (i) Recommendation of National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) has not yet been complied especially the user agency / forest department has not yet submitted fresh tree (Teak) enumeration list after demarcation of submergence area and proposal for felling of the said trees.
 - (ii) The State Government may submit the copy of notification for area included in the Nouradehi wildlife Sanctuary.
7. The shortcomings were communicated to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh vide its Ministry's letter dated 14.03.2017 (**Pg. 218/c**). Now the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of

Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-3/31/87/10-11/12/916 Bhopal dated 05.07.2017 (**Pg. 219-229/c**) the point wise comments has been forwarded by the State Government as given under below:

S. No.	Observations raised by MoEF & CC, GoI	Reply Submitted by the State Govt.												
1.	Recommendation of National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) has not yet been complied especially the user agency / forest department has not yet submitted fresh tree (Teak) enumeration list after demarcation of submergence area and proposal for felling of the said trees.	<p>It is reported that the fresh tree (Teak) enumeration list under the submergence area is given as under:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S. No.</th><th>Type of land</th><th>No. of Trees (Teak)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td><td>Forest land</td><td>260</td></tr> <tr> <td>2.</td><td>Revenue land</td><td>5575</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total</td><td>5835</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The details of trees given by the State Government may kindly be seen at (Pg. 223-226/c).</p>	S. No.	Type of land	No. of Trees (Teak)	1.	Forest land	260	2.	Revenue land	5575	Total		5835
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In view of the above facts related to the proposal, along with the information submitted by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh it is proposed that proposal may be submitted to the FAC, in its meeting scheduled to be held on 30.08.2017.