

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

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Dated: 10th October, 2023

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

Subject: Diversion of 315.74 ha forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Renovation of Asolamendha Irrigation Project in Division Bramhapuri, Central Chanda and Chandrapur Forest Division, Saoli, Mul and Pombhurna talukas of Chandrapur District in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/IRRIG/39591/2019) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2022/C.R.291/F-10 dated 06.09.2023 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:

- i. The detailed tree enumeration list for all three forest divisions involved in the proposal has not been submitted which is required to be done.
- ii. The present proposal of 315.74 ha forest land involves 71.99 ha reserved forest managed by Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra Limited. The copy of NoC from FDCM was asked which has not been submitted.
- iii. The user agency informed that the CAT plan is not required in the instant proposal, however the proposal involves increase in the height of the dam which will bring more area under submergence. Therefore the approved copy of Catchment Area Treatment Plan as per provisions contained in Handbook of guidelines dated 28.03.2019 shall submitted.
- iv. The revenue documents of CA land as submitted are in regional language and not legible. Therefore the State Govt. needs to submit certified translated and legible copies of revenue documents indicating that the area proposed for CA is Non-forest land and free from all encumbrances.
- v. As per DSS analysis, the following has been observed:
 - a. The user agency has still not uploaded correct KML file of proposed forest land for diversion on the PARIVESH portal and the total area of KML file as submitted has been found to be 329.530 ha instead of 315.74 ha.
 - b. As per the revised KML file of forest land proposed for diversion now submitted by the State, the Roads Agriculture land and Plantation activities are still visible in Bramhapuri, Chandrapur and Central Chanda Forest Division. However the State Govt. has not submitted report on Roads, Agriculture land and Plantation activities within the proposed forest area

which was asked earlier.

- c. As per the revised KML file, the widening of the canal is visible along the proposed forest patches for diversion under the Chandrapur Forest Division. Therefore, the State Govt. needs to provide the copies of approval under FCA, 1980 if so obtained by the user agency for the renovation/up gradation of the existing canal on the forest land.
 - d. A complete layout map or DGPS map showing the purpose wise utilization of forest land has not been submitted nor found uploaded online. The State Govt. needs to upload the DGPS map showing the component wise utilization of forest land under diversion
 - e. The State Govt. has still not submitted the KML file of Non-forest land involved in all the three forest division. Instead of submitting the Non-forest land KML file, the user agency has submitted KML file of submergence area at various height intervals i.e. 217.25 meter and 214.50 meter. Therefore, the State Govt. shall provide the complete & correct KML file of forest land as well as Non-forest land involved in the project as per the proposal and located under various forest division
 - f. The correct DGPS map and the Survey of India toposheet map showing the proposed CA site has not been uploaded nor submitted. The State Govt. shall upload the correct DGPS map and the Survey of India toposheet map showing the proposed CA site on PARIVESH portal as the maps uploaded at present are not in conformity with the KML file of the CA land.
- vi. The cost benefit analysis is apparently higher which shall be reexamined by the State. Further, the Cost benefit analysis is required to be submitted as per the prescribed format given in the Handbook of guidelines dated 28.03.2019 containing the detail of all parameters like habitation fragmentation cost etc.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.