

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

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New Delhi – 110003
Dated: October, 2023

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Subject: Diversion of 40.468 ha forest land in village Phadki (Mohgaon) for Bauxite mining and various construction activities in favour of M/s Dharamji Morarji Chemical Company Limited (Mumbai) in the Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/23750/2017) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the PCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter no. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/23750/2017/4023 dated 31.08.2023 on the above cited subject forwarding the required information. The examination of the said information has revealed that:

- i. The State Govt. has not submitted the complete chronological history of the mining lease and reason behind closure of mine on dated 01.12.1998. Further, the State Govt. renewed the mine lease after the gap of 17 years. Therefore, the same needs clarification.
- ii. The wildlife management plan has been prepared for a period of 5 years whereas the period of forest land diversion is mentioned as 13 year as per online application. The life of mine is not clear because the user agency has still not uploaded legible copies of approved mine plan. In this backdrop, the State Govt. shall review the wildlife life management plan period keeping in view the life of mine.
- iii. The Ministry vide letter No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 has revised the NPV rates. Therefore, the cost benefit analysis needs to be revised keeping in view of revised NPV rates and same needs submission as per the prescribed format given in the Handbook of Guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter dated 28.03.2019.
- iv. The copy of the revenue papers of the Non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation (Form P-II) as submitted are not legible and same needs submission.
- v. The suitability certificate of the CA land issued by the concerned DFO has not been found attached and same needs submission. .
- vi. The user agency has still not uploaded legible copy of approved mining plan in online Part-I and same needs to be uploaded.
- vii. The copy of the approval of mining plan uploaded in Part-I revealed that the Mining plan including progressive mine closure plan was valid till 31.03.2023. This needs clarification.
- viii. As per DSS analysis, it has been reported that the user agency has still not uploaded the correct KML file of proposed forest land for diversion in the online part-I form on the PARIVESH as the total area of KML file uploaded is found to be 41.02 ha instead of 40.468 ha proposed diversion. Moreover, the user agency has not uploaded the KML file of proposed forest land for diversion as per the proposed component wise details and same needs submission.

- ix. As reported earlier by DSS analysis approximately 1.2 ha area in the Non Forest Land proposed for CA is covered by road, river and water-bodies. However the State Govt. has not measured the actual area available for plantation on ground and has not provided the details of additional NFL required after deducting the area occupied by road, river and water-bodies from the CA land proposed.
- x. The State Govt. has not submitted the KML file of proposed Degraded Forest Land where the balance plants will be planted as per Working Plan prescriptions.
- xi. It has been informed that the user agency i.e. M/s Dharamji Morarji Chemical Company Limited filed a petition application in the Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh vide petition No.328/1999 and the Hon'ble High Court directed Madhya Pradesh Govt. for renewal of mining lease. In this regard, the State Govt. shall submit the details of the said court case along with its present status.

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

Yours sincerely,

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj

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(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.