

F. No. 8-8/2016-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Aliganj, Jorbagh Road
New Delhi – 110003

Dated: 26th September, 2016

To,

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 968.24 hectares of forest land in favour of National Water Development Agency, Ashoknagar and Shivpuri District for construction of Lower and Major Irrigation Project (Ken- Betwa link project), Madhya Pradesh State .

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. F-3/50/2014/10-11/15/886 dated 25.04.2016 submitting a proposal for diversion of 968.24 hectares of forest land in favour of National Water Development Agency, Ashoknagar and Shivpuri Districts for construction of Lower and Major Irrigation Project (Ken- Betwa link project), Madhya Pradesh State for seeking prior approval of the Central Govt. under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal of State Govt. was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 24.08.2016. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 24.08.2016 is placed on the website of this Ministry: www.forestclearance.nic.in. After thorough deliberation in the said FAC meeting, the FAC inter-alia recommended that;

- (1) NWDA, the project proponent needs to furnish details of each component wherever the Forest land is proposed to be utilized for the entire Ken-Betwa project along with KML files.
- (2) Shape files of area to be diverted and to be brought under Compensatory plantation have not been found along with project documents submitted online. This information is required to be submitted.
- (3) The three dimensional view of the dam showing the relationship with height of Dam and submergence area when dam is erected may please be submitted.
- (4) Various alternatives explored for reducing the forest area to be submerged may be submitted.

In view of above, I am directed to request the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh to submit the information as indicated above at the earliest to this Ministry for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(Nisheet Saxena)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard File.

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