

**File No.: 8-34/2019-FC**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**

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**Dated: As per e-Sign**

**To,**  
**The Principal Secretary (Forests)**  
Government of Rajasthan,  
Jaipur

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 286.47 ha. of forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Water Resource Division III, Baran for Construction of Hathiyadeh Medium Irrigation project in Baran district, Rajasthan State (Online Proposal No.FP/RJ/IRRIG/27263/2017) -regarding**

**Madam/Sir,**

I am directed to refer to the Government of Rajasthan their No. P.1 (48) VAN/2019-001141 dated 04.10.2024 on the above mentioned subject and to inform that after careful examination of the said information the following shortcomings have been observed in the proposal:

- (i) A copy of the approved CAT Plan as per para 9.2 (vii) of Chapter 9 the consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 which stated that "the CAT plan shall be approved by the Principal CCF & HoFF or any other officer authorized by him for the purpose" need to be submitted.
- (ii) The State Govt. reported that the 286.47 ha Non-forest land has been proposed for CA out of which 242.50 ha Non-forest land for CA reported as दो तिहाई भाग पर जुलिपलोरा होने से वृक्षारोपण कराया जाना संभव नहीं है। परन्तु सम्पूर्ण प्राप्त गैर वन भूमि का उपचार कराया जायेगा and in the balance 43.996 ha Non-forest CA land reported as दो तिहाई भाग पर प्राकृतिक सघन वन होने से वृक्षारोपण कराया जाना संभव नहीं है। परन्तु सर्पूण प्राप्त गैर वन भूमि का उपचार कराया जायेगा whereas as per the DSS analysis (copy enclosed) the newly proposed 44 ha NFL for CA appear barren and devoid of vegetation cover as depicted through satellite imagery. This needs clarification.
- (iii) The State Govt. has not informed as to how much area of the proposed NFL (village wise/ patch wise) for raising compensatory afforestation is having specified density as per the Rule-13 of the Van

(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023. Moreover, the State shall also ensure that the area (NFL) proposed for CA is suitable for raising Compensatory Afforestation as per the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 and the crop improvement programme of the forest crop in the NFL proposed for CA shall be submitted.

(iv) Para 2, Rule-13 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 says that "*Provided that in case the non-forest land or portion thereof provided by the user agency is not fit for raising compensatory afforestation of a specified density, then additional compensatory afforestation shall be raised on a degraded notified or unclassed forest land under the management control of the Forest Department which is twice in size of such shortfall in the given compensatory afforestation land and the user agency shall also bear the additional cost on such account*". Keeping this in view, the KML file of the Degraded forest land which is twice in size of such shortfall in the compensatory afforestation land needs to be submitted(if applicable)along with Maps, CA scheme, Site suitability certificate etc.

(v) The details about the command area, irrigation potential, present cropping pattern, total population of the villages to be benefited and the likely impact of the project on cropping pattern in future is essential for evaluating the socio-economic benefits of the project. The State shall submit a detailed report on these aspects.

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

Yours Sincerely,

**Sd/-**  
**(Suneet Bhardwaj)**  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forests & Environment, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
2. The DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Gandhinagar.
3. The APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA). Department of Forests & Environment, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
4. The Dy. Inspector General, Sub-regional Office, Jaipur, Rajasthan
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF CC, New Delhi, for uploading on PARIVESH portal.
6. User Agency