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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003 Dated: November, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 1305.142 ha (instead of 1248.821 ha) forest land for the construction of Maa Ratangarh Multipurpose Project in favour of Executive Engineer, Dabra under Datia and Gwalior Districts of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/40397/2019) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-3/50/2019/10-11/6/3729 dated 11.11.2021 forwarding a proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 & letter No. F-3/50/2019/10-11/6/4447 dated 05.10.2023 forwarding the additional information and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 20.10.2023. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in.

After detailed deliberation on the matter, the competent authority in the Ministry has decided to reconsider the proposal after submission of complete layout plan and wildlife management plan by the State Government.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the complete layout plan and wildlife management plan for further consideration of the proposal.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours sincerely,

-/Sd (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.