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File No. 6-MPB072/2020-BHO/

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests) Forest Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.

Sub.: Diversion of 0.35 ha Revenue Forest land for construction of various sections of Civil Court Punasa District Khandwa in favour of District and Sessions Court Khandwa.

Ref: APCCF(LM), Govt. of MP letter No. F-5/972/2020/10-11/3951 dated 20.11.2020. Sir,

With reference to the above mentioned subject and letter under reference, the proposal attracts following paras of FCA Hanbook 2019

- 1. Para 1.15 of FCA Handbook 2019: "Diversion of forest land for non-site-specific projects: A number of proposals for diversion of forest land for non-site-specific projects like industries, construction of residential colonies, institutes, disposal of fly ash, rehabilitation of displaced persons, etc. are received by the Central Government. Attention is drawn to items 1(iv) and 8 of the Form 'A' in which the proposal is to be submitted by the State Government. In these columns, justification for locating the project in the forest area giving details of the alternatives examined and reasons for their rejection has to be furnished. Normally, there should not be any justification for locating non-site-specific projects on forest land. Therefore, the State Government should scrutinize the alternatives in more details and must give complete justification establishing its inescapability for locating the project in forest area."
- 2. Para 11.1 (viii) of FCA Handbook 2019: Non-site-specific projects like: Industries, residential colonies, institutes, disposal of fly ash and rehabilitation of displaced persons

Thus, I am directed to request you to submit the following information/documents:

- 1. Items 1(iv) of the Form 'A': Justification for locating the project in forest area needs to be submitted along with the justification for locating the project in the forest area giving details of the alternatives examined and reasons for their rejection has to be furnished.
- 2. Items 8 of the Form 'A': The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If so, recommended area item-wise breakup with details of alternatives examined needs to be submitted.
- 3. CA scheme for plantation and maintenance 350 plants as per Para 2.8(iii) of FCA handbook, 2019 along with KML file and map shall be submitted.

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- 4. A certificate from District Collector regarding non availability of revenue land shall be submitted.
- 5. Details of Revenue Forest land available in and within 10 km of proposed area shall be submitted (i.e, status, map and KML file).
- 6. The Collector Khandwa and the DFO Khandwa says that the *proposal is for construction of resident of judicial officers and staff*. Thus, detailed clarification regarding this project shall be submitted for the Collector, Khandwa and the DFO, Khandwa separately.

Further, necessary action will be carried out after receipt of above information.

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Copy to:

- 1. The Principle Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Govt. of MP, Forest Department, Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal.
- 2. The APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Govt. of MP, Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal-462004.