

**F. No. 8-49/ 2016-FC**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Aliganj, Jorbagh Road,  
New Delhi – 110003

**Dated:** 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016

**Office Memorandum**

**Sub:** Constitution of a committee to visit the site and submit detail report on the proposal for diversion of 6017.00 ha. of forest land in favour of Rashtriya Jal Vikas Abhikaran for development of Ken-Betwa Link Project from Distt. Chattarpur, Panna and Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh.

As per the recommendation of Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 9-10 November, 2016, it has been decided to constitute a Sub-Committee of Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) comprising of Dr. Anil Kumar, Addl. Director General of Forests (FC), Inspector General of Forests (FC), Concerned Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC) in MoEF&CC, New Delhi, Dr. Deepak Apte, Director, BNHS, Dr. Sanjay V. Desmukh, Vice Chancellor, University of Mumbai & Shri Rajesh Kaushal, Non-official Members, and Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bhopal to inspect the site, verify the relevant document/reports and furnish its report to MoEF&CC to be placed before FAC for further consideration..

  
(Rajagopal Prashant)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

**Distribution:**

1. Addl. Director General of Forests (FC), MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
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3. Dr. Deepak Apte, Director & Member of FAC, BNHS, Mumbai.
4. Dr. Sanjay Desmukh, Vice Chancellor & Member of FAC, University of Mumbai.
5. Shri Rajesh Kaushal, Member of FAC, 42-Shakti Enclave, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
6. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
7. The Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal.
8. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
9. Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC/NS), MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
10. User Agency.
11. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
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To,

The Pr. Secretary (Forests),  
Govt. of Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal.

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 6017.00 ha. of forest land in favour of Rashtriya Jal Vikas Abhikaran for development of Ken-Betwa Link Project from Distt. Chattarpur, Panna and Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter F-3/50/2015/10-11/2182 dated 07.10.2016 submitting above subject proposal for seeking prior approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said proposal was placed before Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 is placed on the website of this Ministry: [www.forestclearance.nic.in](http://www.forestclearance.nic.in). After thorough deliberation, the FAC *inter-alia* recommended that:

1. The project is involving submergence of part core zone and part buffer zone of Panna National Park besides Forest Area in Chhatarpur and Tikamgarh Forest Division and it appears to be in its pristine form.
2. Out of 6017.00 hectares forest area, photocopy of FRA Certificate is available only for 5258 Hectares, original documents are required to be submitted. For remaining area FRA Certificate has not been received.
3. Further to have correct assessment of various issues involved, a Committee consisting of Additional Director General of Forest (Forest Conservation), Dr. Deepak Apte, Dr. Sanjay V. Deshmukh, Shri Rajesh Kaushal, APCCF, Regional Office, Bhopal, IG (Forest Conservation), AIGF shall inspect the site, verify the relevant document/reports and furnish its report to MoEF&CC, which would be placed before FAC. Before the site visit Committee advised to provide all necessary documents to the committee members such as EIA report, NTCA site visit report etc. for further scrutiny

In view of above, I am directed to request the State Govt. to provide the information as indicated at S.No.(1) & (2) above to this Ministry for further consideration.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Rajagopal Prashant)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC)

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