

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

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To

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

Subject: Diversion of 181.39 ha (182.16 ha as per online proposal) forest land for the construction of Apchand Medium Irrigation Project in favour of Water Resource Division under Sagar District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/43200/2019) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the PCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter no. F-3/101/2021/10-11/12/3812 dated 14.11.2022 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:

- i. The State Government has informed that 29,187 no. of plants have been planted under various schemes on 34.78 ha forest land out of total proposed area of 181.39 ha. Therefore the copy of undertaking from the User Agency to bear the cost of plantation already raised on the area proposed for diversion shall be submitted.
- ii. The State Govt. was informed that the Satellite imagery shows the presence of agricultural land within the proposed forest land for diversion. However the information/comments on the said issue have still not been submitted which needs submission.
- iii. The State Govt. has now provided the KML file of 'Saddle' & 'Submergence' proposed on the Non-forest land. However on examination the total project area (including Forest & Non-Forest area) is found to be 597.05 ha instead of 683.54 ha as per online Part-I. The same shall be examined and correct factual position along with KML file shall be submitted.
- iv. Examination of latest KML file of instant project reveals the presence of State Highways/ Road within the forest patches for diversion. The same shall be clarified.
- v. The State Govt. has now uploaded the KML files of degraded forest land identified to accommodate the balance saplings of the Non-forest land for CA and it has been found that part of one CA patch namely PF-1063 is falling within a water body and having encroachment/agricultural land and another CA patch namely RF-1064 was earlier proposed in case of Amelia Coal block (FP/MP/MIN/1026/2007). Therefore the same needs revision along with revised CA Schemes and other relevant documents.
- vi. The State Govt. has submitted revised Cost-Benefit Analysis. However the cost mentioned against parameters like Habitat fragmentation is not as per the prescribed guidelines. Further, the proposal is for construction of Apchand Medium Irrigation

Project whereas the details given in Table -B Point No. 9 pertain to Kopra Medium Project. The same needs correction and revision accordingly.

vii. The revised KML boundary of CA land proposed in village GORAIYA has been uploaded online and on examination of same it has been found that:

- a. Now the area is found to be 54.490 ha instead of 54.59 ha as per proposal. Therefore the correct kml file as per proposal shall be submitted.
- b. The presence of agriculture land, Two (2) Settlements and a Transmission line has been observed in the proposed CA land. The State Govt. shall therefore ensure that the NFL proposed for CA is free from all encumbrances and suitable for plantation.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated 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.