

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

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest and Environment,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Subject: Diversion of 349.00 ha forest land for the construction of Sangatha (AER) Medium Irrigation Project by the Water Resources Division under Shivpuri District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/32935/2018) – reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-3/52/2018/10-11/15/368 dated 01.02.2022 forwarding a fresh proposal on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After examining the proposal, the following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. Satellite imagery shows the presence of agricultural fields within the forest area proposed for Submergence and presence of Settlements in the forest area proposed for Canal. This needs clarification.
- ii. Calculated area of KML file of forest land proposed for diversion is 347.0262 ha (GIS software calculated) instead of 349 ha. Therefore, the correct KML file shall be uploaded.
- iii. The KML file in Polygon form of the Canals proposed in the instant proposal has not been uploaded on PARIVESH portal.
- iv. As per the KML file, the total project area is 357.710 ha [347.0262 ha (Forest land) + 10.6839 ha (Non-forest/ Revenue land)] whereas as per details submitted on PARIVESH portal total project area is mentioned as 354 ha which includes 349 ha forest and 5 ha Non-forest land.
- v. As per DSS analysis, out of 10.6839 ha area of Non-forest/ Revenue land which is coming under the submergence zone, approximately 2.68 ha area is forest land.
- vi. The State Govt. has selected two sites in the Forest land for carrying out plantation work and total area of CA identified in the Forest land is found 127.306 ha (GIS software calculation). The justification of proposing the forest land for CA may be submitted.
- vii. As per DSS analysis, the area of the non-forest land proposed for CA is 364 ha against

a requirement of 349 ha, which may be clarified. Further, a major portion of the non-forest land appears to be barren and devoid of any vegetation. The suitability of the area for plantation is therefore required to be examined again.

- viii. The approved copy of Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) plan is not submitted as per Para 9.2. (vi) of Handbook, 2019 of FC Act.
- ix. The Cost Benefit analysis is required to be revised as per the guidelines of the Ministry and keeping in view the revised rates of the NPV. A detailed calculation of the Cost-Benefit ratio is required to be submitted
- x. The State Govt. in Part-II has reported that the Forest density is 0.5, whereas only 3204 number of trees have been enumerated in the 150.098 ha forest land. This needs clarification. Moreover, total numbers of the trees getting affected may also be clarified.

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

Yours sincerely,


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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.