

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

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Dated: 3rd February, 2021

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment and Forests,
Government of Rajasthan,
Jaipur.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of Forest land for diversion of 700.347 ha. of forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, WR Division, Kota for Navnera Barrage across River Kalisindh Near Village Abra Tehsil Digod District, Kota (Rajasthan) under Eastern Rajasthan (Online Proposal No. FP/RJ/IRRIG/35905/2018). - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Rajasthan's letter no. P.1 (125) VAN/2020 dated 15th December, 2020 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After preliminary scrutiny of the proposal the Ministry has observed the following shortcomings:

- i. The extent of forest area as per submitted .kml/shape files is 648.93 ha whereas the proposal is for diversion of 700.347 ha. Therefore, complete .kml/shape file of the proposed diversion i.e. for 700.347 ha is to be uploaded on the Parivesh portal.
- ii. The proposed forest land for diversion falls under the 'Inviolate' category as per the Decision Support System (DSS) Rule-I due to the existence of the Rare forest type which implies that part of proposed diversion includes portion of one of the last remnants of forest types which is having total extent < 50 Sq. Km in the country. The State Govt. in consultation with the Forest Survey of India, Dehradun may explore the possibility to exclude portion of last remnant forest type from the present proposal.
- iii. Out of proposed compensatory afforestation patches, 103 Ha area of villages namely Nachana Khera & Bhilot falls in the Protected Forest (PF) as per the DSS records, which needs to be excluded from the proposed CA. As per the Google earth imagery some portion of the CA patches proposed under the villages namely Bara (Patch-I), Bara (Patch-II) and Guraytha (Patch-V) are falling within the river. Accordingly, the CA patches need revisit and revised CA patches commensurate to proposed diversion with site suitability certificate and complete shape file shall be submitted. CA scheme would also need revision as per revised CA patches.
- iv. The proposal is without approved Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan.

v. Approved DPR of the project need submission.

vi. The user agency at Part-1(M) (II) has mentioned that the command area is zero which need clarification.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/documents as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
2. The Regional Officer (C), Integrated Regional Office, Jaipur.
3. The Nodal Officer, FCA O/o PCCF, Forest Department, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
4. The Director General, Forest Survey of India, Dehradun.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.