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To

✓ The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Chhattisgarh,  
Forest Department,  
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhavan,  
New Raipur (CG).

**Sub: Diversion of 21.293 ha of Forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Water Resources Division No. 2 Ramanujanj for construction of canal of Khutpali Diversion scheme in Balrampur District in the State of Chhattisgarh – regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-60/2008/10-2 dated 07.01.2017 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that examination of the said proposal in the Regional Office revealed following:

- i. Extant project is a linear project i.e. related to construction of canal. The category of the proposal has been recorded as irrigation in the online proposal. The necessary rectification to change the category to linear projects may be made by the State Government.
- ii. A hard copy of Part-I generated by the webportal has not been submitted. Original copy of the same duly bearing the date and name of the signing authority may be submitted by the State Government.
- iii. Specific recommendation of the DCF concerned has not been recorded in Part-II. Original copy of the Part-II recording the specific recommendation of the DCF duly bearing the date and name may be submitted by the State Government. Similarly, Part-III does not bear the name of the signing authority. The same may be rectified and uploaded on the website.
- iv. Copy of documents in support of the competence/authority of the person making application on behalf of the User Agency has not been uploaded correctly on web-portal.
- v. KML file of the area proposed for diversion is ambiguous as KML files pertaining to the surrounding area have also been uploaded. KML file, exclusively for the canal, needs to be uploaded on the website and a soft of the same along with clear shape files may be submitted to the Regional Office.
- vi. Part-I submitted online mentioned the total non-forest land involved in the proposal as 18.41 ha comprising of 6.141 ha of Government revenue land and 12.269 ha as private non-forest land. The detail of private and Government Revenue land's survey number has not been certified by the DCF concerned.
- vii. 644 project affected trees have been reported in the Part-II submitted online while details of enumeration list enclosed with the proposal mentioned the total number of project affected trees as 900. Exact number of project affected trees needs to be re-confirmed by the State Government.


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Given the density of 0.6 over an area of 21.29 ha, 40 number of trees per ha seems inappropriate. It may also be reconfirmed by the State Government.

- viii. Area calculation statement in the forest as well as non-forest land for the construction of canal giving complete details of RoW for canal, roads and others structures, if any, may be submitted along with the proposal.
- ix. With regards to the information furnished on total area diverted in the Forest Division, the DCF concerned has submitted two figures i.e. 1587.784 ha and 150.82 ha. The DCF concerned has certified that so far an area of 150.82 ha been diverted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the district. The information needs to be re-confirmed by the State Government.
- x. Extant project is a linear project i.e. related to construction of canal which is considered as non-site specific activity. The details of alternative explored by the User Agency have not been submitted along with the proposal.
- xi. A tabular statement containing details of the forest patch, length of canal, density, area involved and number of trees being affected may be submitted by the State Government
- xii. Component wise breakup of the forest land required for the project has not been submitted.
- xiii. An appropriate map showing cross sectional map of the canal may be submitted by the state Government.


In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Charan Jeet Singh)  
Scientist 'C'

Copy to:

1. The PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
2. The Nodal Officer FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. User Agency.
4. Guard File.

  
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