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To,

**The Special Secretary,**  
 Department of Forests,  
 Government of UP, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
 Bapu Bhavan, Sachivalaya,  
 Lucknow-226001

**ON LINE PROPOSAL No: FP/UP/ROAD/28804/2017**

**Subject: Proposed forest land diversion for construction of proposed Purvanchal Expressway from Lucknow to Balia (via Azamgarh) involving forest land of Lucknow, Barabanki, Sultanpur, Azamgarh, Mau and Gahzipur Forest Division/Social Forestry Division requiring 9.1549 ha reserve forest & 8.4165 ha protected forest total 17.5714 ha forest land with felling of 27,942 numbers of trees/poles-reg.**

**Ref:** Letter no. 3063/14-2-2017-800(143)/2017 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

Sir,

In reference to your above mentioned letter where approval for above referred forest land diversion proposal was sought; I have been directed to convey following shortcomings of the proposal for necessary rectification:

1. As per GIS DSS analysis of proposed forest land for diversion shows discrepancy in extent of area of proposed forest land diversion. The difference is of 0.2187 ha less area has been proposed for diversion.
2. Kml files of alternate examined to arrive at the minimum forest area for proposed alignment needs submission. (Part I at D)
3. The information at E in part I regarding permanent employment to be generated is mentioned as 2,63,658 which appears to be erroneous.
4. Environmental Clearance of the proposal is based on 35 ha of proposed forest land whereas the proposal is of 17.5714 ha, whether competent authority providing environmental clearance has been updated or not.
5. Certificates issued by District Magistrates under Forests Rights Act 2005 of all 6 districts have not mentioned about rights of pre agriculture forest dwelling communities.
6. Area Calculation sheet provided with the proposal has not clarified basis of extent of forest area calculation. The sheet mentions length and width of forest land required

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at a proposed chainage for irregular shapes which is incorrect. Area calculation sheet requires revision.

7. As per the guidelines of FCA 1980 (para 3.2 of FCA handbook) user agency shall compensate loss of forest due to diversion of forest patches (irrespective of legal status i.e. Reserve Forest or Protected Forest) through equivalent non forest land within the state of Uttar Pradesh along with levies required for afforestation on it rather proposing afforestation on double degraded forest land.
8. Site Inspection Reports of DFO, Lucknow and CF, Varanasi does not clarify legal status of proposed forest land inspected.
9. Part V of the proposal has not been uploaded.
10. The proposal requires undertaking from User Agency that non forest land in lieu of diversion of reserve forest patches proposed shall be made available to State Forest Department without any encumbrances.
11. A brief description of the project duly providing for social, economic and other benefits of the project shall also be submitted.

Therefore, the proposal is hereby placed under EDS category for rectification/revision of the same as per the observations made above in point wise manner. It has also been decided to place the proposal in next meeting of Regional Empowered Committee. An urgent action is needed, please.

**Encl:** As mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,

(Brijendra Swaroop)  
Conservator of  
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4. **Divisional Forest Officer/Divisional Director**, Awadh Forest Division/Social Forestry Division Mau/Sultanpur/Azamgarh/Sultanpur/Barabanki, Government of UP.
5. **Deputy Chief Executive Officer, UPEIDA**, Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority, Vipin Khand, Gomtinagar, Lucknow-226010
6. **PA/Shri Jitendra**, Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Lucknow for uploading on [www.forestclearance.nic.in](http://www.forestclearance.nic.in) and on regional office's website.
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