

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

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Dated: 4th February, 2021

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 286.47 ha. of forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Water Resource Division III, Baran for Construction of Hathiyadeh Medium Irrigation project in Baran district, Rajasthan State-reg.,

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Rajasthan's letter no. P.1 (48) VAN/2019 dated 11.12.2020 forwarding the point-wise reply on the observation made vide Ministry's letter of even no. dated 11.12.2019 read with reminder dated 28.07.2020. It would be pertinent to mention here that the information provided is still without approved Catchment Area Treatment Plan and R& R plan which has been sought in earlier references.

Meanwhile, Integrated Regional Office, Jaipur in response to this Ministry's letter dated 02.01.2020 has submitted Site Inspection Report (SIR) regarding proposed forest land diversion. After, examination of the Site Inspection Report done by IRO, Jaipur and reply furnished by the State Govt. vide above referred letter dated 11.12.2020, the following is observed:-

- i. The approved Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan with the estimated cost of the plan and approved R&R plan as sought vide Ministry's letter dated 11.12.2019 have not been submitted.
 - a. In SIR done by Integrated Regional office, Jaipur following is reported: -
 - b. In some part of area proposed for compensatory afforestation encroachment is observed on Google overlay of shape files provided. Therefore, site suitability of compensatory afforestation is to be re assessed and if need be additional compensatory afforestation patch to compensate the loss of proposed forest diversion may be pledged.
 - c. Out of proposed compensatory afforestation patches, 44 ha of non-forest land is falling under submergence area of proposed Navnera barrage.
 - d. The number of trees/poles to be felled mentioned in the Part-II (online) are at variance with the number given in the list attached with the proposal.

- ii. Muck Calculation and muck disposal scheme needs to be submitted with the proposal.
- iii. The total cost outlay of the project in the Part-I is 232.5 lakhs whereas the Cost Benefit Analysis provided with the proposal mentions the cost of construction as 19602 lakhs.
- iv. In few patches of pledged non-forest land for compensatory afforestation dense forest is observed which may not be suitable for planting 1,000 nos per ha as provided in para 2.8(i) of Handbook of FCA-1980. Therefore, to plant out remaining saplings in degraded forest land details of locations are to be provided. If possible the kml files of the proposed degraded forest land shall be submitted.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information on the points indicated above along with revised CA scheme and revised KML file of CA for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (FC)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur;
2. The Regional Officer (C), Regional Office (CZ), Jaipur;
3. The Nodal Officer, FCA O/o PCCF, Forest Department, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading on PARIVESH portal;
6. Guard File.