F. No. 8-07/2019-FC

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi: 1100 03, Dated: 25th March, 2019

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Department of Forests & Environment, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.

Proposal for diversion of 115.874 ha. of Forest Land for JP super cement plant and Sub: establishment of residential colony use of non-forestry purpose in favour of M/s Jai Prakash Associates, at Village Kota in Tehsil Robertsganj, District Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh. -reg.,

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Uttar Pradesh's letter No.130/14-2-2019-800(162)/2018 dated 25.02.2019 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 the proposal the Ministry revealed the following shortcomings:

- (i) The recommendations of the DFO, CF & Principal Secretary (Forests) have not been uploaded on the forest clearance web portal in respect of said project.
- (ii) The purpose wise breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion has not been given.
- (iii)Out of total 115.874 Ha area, as provided by the State Government for Compensatory Afforestation land, after analysis through DSS, it is found that the approximately 26 ha. of CA land is falling in Water bodies. Thus, an Additional CA area of 26 Ha may be provided.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal. The Regional Office (Central Zone) Lucknow may kindly inspect the forest area and submitted a report to this Ministry.

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Copy to:-

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
- 2. The Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980 O/o PCCF, Forest Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
- 4. The Addl. PCCF (C) Regional Office (Central Zone), Lucknow: with request to carry out site inspection and submit a report to this Ministry at the earliest.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
- 6. Guard File.

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