

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

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Dated: 03<sup>rd</sup> March, 2022

To,  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Department of Forest and Environment,  
Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal.

**Subject: Diversion of 1248.821 ha forest land for the construction of Maa Ratangarh Multipurpose Project in favour of Executive Engineer, Dabra under Datia and Gwalior Districts of Madhya Pradesh State (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/IRRIG/40397/2019) - reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter no. F-3/50/2019/10-11/6/479 dated 04.02.2022 on the above cited subject forwarding the required information. The examination of the said information has revealed that:

- i. As per the KML file submitted, the total area within proposed submergence zone is 3145.252 ha instead of 3149.648 ha. Moreover, the total forest area has been found to be 1303.802 ha instead of 1248.821 ha proposed for diversion. State Govt. is required to look into the matter and submit correct proposal along with all requisite documents.
- ii. The correct KML file of 1303.802 ha forest land/area proposed for diversion may be submitted /uploaded on PARIVESH portal.
- iii. The land identified for CA has to be suitable for plantation. In this regard the committee constituted by the State Govt. has also recommended that the Ravine lands are a unique areas and Compensatory Afforestation can be carried out on such lands only if other suitable areas are not available. The State Govt. shall therefore identify suitable land (other than Ravine land) for raising Compensatory Afforestation.
- iv. CA patches proposed in the villages namely Sankri, Sikata and Bilaw are still within the Protected Forests (PF) partially, which cannot be accepted for CA.
- v. The detailed Compensatory Afforestation scheme for the suitable NFL so identified is required to be submitted.
- vi. The correct enumeration detail of the trees along with local and scientific names has still not been submitted in the Part-II of the application.
- vii. The copy of technical approval of CAT Plan issued vide letter dated 04.02.2022 has not been submitted/uploaded.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest and Environment, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.