

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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Dated: 18th May, 2020

To,  
The Principal Secretary (Forests)  
Government of Uttar Pradesh,  
Lucknow

**Sub: Diversion of 115.874 ha. of forest land in favour of M/s Jaiprakash Associates Ltd. for proposed diversion of forest land at village Kota in Tehsil Robertsganj, District Sonbhadra for JP Super cement plant & it's township (a unit of Jaiprakash Associates Ltd. Sector 128, Noida) in District Sonbhadra , State Uttar Pradesh- reg.**


Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh letter no. 130/14-2-2019-800(162)/2018 dated 25.02.2019 on the above captioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), in its meeting held on 23rd April, 2020. The FAC, after deliberation and examination, has sought the following information/documents from the State Government:

- i. The detailed chronology of the events which are vital to decide the issues pertaining to violation of FCA, 1980.
- ii. Issue of violation of Forest-(Conservation) Act, 1980 noted in Site Inspection Report of the Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Lucknow.
- iii. The detailed clarification on responsibility with regard to the unauthorized use of forest land.
- iv. Details of action initiated by the State Government in compliance of the orders issued by the Hon'ble NGT in this matter.
- v. Issues pertaining to DSS analysis.
- vi. The relevant copies of the orders of Hon'ble Court with regard to present proposal.

In view of the above, I am directed to request to kindly furnish the above information to the Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Brijendra Swaroop)  
18.05.2020

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy To:

- i. The PCCF & HoFF, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
- ii. The DDG (C) Regional Office (CZ), MoEF&CC, Lucknow.
- iii. The Nodal Officer, (FCA) O/o PCCF, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
- iv. User Agency.
- v. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
- vi. Guard File.