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Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(FC Division)

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To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment & Forests,
Government of Rajasthan,
Jaipur

Subject: Diversion of 248.5515 ha of forest land in favour of DMG,Rajasthan in Pahadpur Block A & B for mining and generation of employment and generation of District in the State of Rajasthan (FP/RJ/MIN/149012/2021)-regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Rajasthan's letter No. No.P.1 (137)VAN/ 2022 dated 21.04.2023 submitting their reply on Ministry's letter dated 24.08.2022. After examination of the response of State Govt., the following observations are made:

- i. The proposal has now been revised from 248.5515 ha. to 189.2515 ha. excluding the total forest area of 59.30 ha area i.e. 15.30 ha forest land which falling in the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Bandh-Baretha WLS and 44 ha lease area due to some stay order. However, the details of the court case and the copy of the Stay Order have not been provided. A detailed report in this regard shall be submitted.
- ii. The State Government shall also inform whether the area of 44 ha. deleted from the diversion proposal due to stay order is required for non-forestry use by the user agency in future. KML file for the areas of 15.30 ha and 44 ha. proposed to be deleted from the original diversion proposal shall also be furnished.
- iii. Additional Compensatory Afforestation (CA) sites have now been proposed and the CA area earlier proposed on DFL have been deleted. The CA Scheme uploaded on PARIVESH portal mentions that the area now proposed for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) are not a part of any land bank. Whereas, it has been mentioned by the DCF in his SIR that the CA area proposed is part of the area handed over to forest department for future diversion proposals. The State Govt shall therefore clearly specify the legal status of the areas proposed for Compensatory Afforestation. In case, CA area is a part of some land bank, the detail of the proposal wise area utilized for CA so far and the balance area shall also be provided.
- iv. The detailed CA scheme along with the site suitability certificate for CA land has not been provided. In this regard the CA scheme duly giving the details of number of patches, patch wise area, legal status of the land with documentary evidence and other requisite details along with site suitability certificate is required to be submitted.
- v. Some non-forestry activities like Mining have been observed in the proposed CA patches, which needs clarification.
- vi. The State shall ensure that the areas proposed for Compensatory Afforestation are free from all encumbrances and a certificate to this effect shall be submitted.

- vii. Based on the observation vide point (iv) in Ministry's letter of even no. dated 24.08.2022, the State Govt. has now uploaded the KML file of Safety zone on PARIVESH portal and analysis of the same through GIS-DSS tool revealed that the safety zone has not been proposed all around the Mining lease. This needs clarification.
- viii. It is observed in the revised Mining plan that the non-site specific activities like Top soil Dump (4.0 ha.), Dumps (7.50 ha.), Infrastructure (2.50 ha.) are proposed to be carried out in forest land. The State shall explore and carry out the non-site specific activities on non-forest land.
- ix. In addition, 3.3049 ha. forest area in the mining plan is shown as area not to be utilized. in case the area is not to be utilized, there seems to be no justification for including the same in diversion proposal.
- x. 30 ha forest land has been designated for Green Belt in the mining plan. However its location within the mining lease is not provided. Moreover, the purpose-wise and component-wise Geo-reference/KML file including proposed Green Belt is not submitted. Therefore, the component-wise layout of the area proposed for diversion along with the KML file shall be uploaded on PARIVESH Portal.

In view of above, the State Govt. is requested to furnish the information/clarification on the above points for further consideration of the instant proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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1. The Principal CCF & (HoFF), Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur;
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3. The Nodal Officer(FCA), O/o the PCCF, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur;
4. User Agency;and
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.