Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change

(FC Division)

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Dated:

10th June, 2022

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 100.05 ha of forest land in favour of NPCIL for Mahi Banswara, Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (MBRAPP) -1 to 4. (online proposal No. FP/RJ/Others/22621/2016).

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Rajasthan Letter No. P.1 (28) VAN/2022 dated 01.06.2022 forwarding the above subject proposal seeking prior approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After scrutiny of the proposal, the following observations are made:

- (i) In the proposed forest diversion area, the presence of Agricultural land, few Settlements/built up area ,plantation activities carried out in the past are visible. Moreover, the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Udaipur reported that plantations were done and 9725 trees exist. This needs clarification along-with an undertaking that no compensatory afforestation work has been carried out in the past 10 years in the proposed diverted area.
- (ii) It is observed through DSS analysis that the part area of 1.01 ha forest land within the 'Sarwan Deri B' forest block has not been included in the instant diversion proposal. Therefore, clarification in this regard may be given.
- (iii) The KML file of Non-forest land i.e. 502.67 ha involved in the instant project has not been uploaded on PARIVESH portal. The same may be uploaded.
- (iv) DSS analysis revealed that both the patches identified for CA in the degraded forest land (DFL) are having plantation activities and per-plantation operations like benching and contouring which were carried out in the past. This needs clarification.

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- (v) It is noticed that this is a non-site specific proposal. Therefore, three alternative sites should have been explored which is not done in this case. Therefore, the State Govt. may submit convincing justification for locating the project in the forest area without exploring other non-forest areas for this proposal.
- (vi) It is not clear whether R&R Plan has been approved by competent authority. The same may be clarified.

In view of above, the State Govt. is requested to provide the information/document/clarification on the points as indicated above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Rinku Kumari)

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1.The Principal CCF & HoFF, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur;

2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC, Jaipur, Rajasthan;

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