

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

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To

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

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 466.592 ha forest land in favour of Airport Authority of India Kota for Construction of New Green Field Airport Kota, District-Bundi in the State of Rajasthan (Online Proposal No.FP/RJ/Others/150590/2021).-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Rajasthan's letter No P.1 (33) Van/ 2022 dated 07.06.2022 on the above mentioned subject forwarding the additional information in response to this Ministry's letter dated 02.04.2022. After examination of the additional information the following shortcomings have been observed:-

- i. It has been informed that a High tension line of PGCIL is passing through the forest land proposed for diversion. In this regard the status of approval under FCA,1980 for the transmission line has not been intimated.
- ii. The No objection certificate (NoC) from PGCIL for shifting of Transmission line has not been submitted.
- iii. In case the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited is ready to shift the transmission line, then the plan for shifting the existing transmission line is required to be submitted. The State Govt may also clarify whether any forest land would be required for the shifting of the transmission line or not?
- iv. The state govt has submitted the ownership status of the 33.408 hectare land, however nothing has been stated about the legal status of the land. The state govt shall ensure that the 33.08 area is not covered under the definition of forest for the purpose of FCA,1980.

- v. In case the digital boundary of forest land is not correct, the state government shall ensure to get the same corrected and provide corrected boundaries to the FSI. An undertaking in this regard may be submitted.
- vi. A small pond is located near the Kota-Bundi National Highway it was informed that it will be preserved as such by the user agency and plantation shall be done around the pond area. In this regard the copy of the undertaking from the User Agency may be submitted.
- vii. The Chief Wildlife warden of Rajasthan has informed that the areas proposed for diversion fall within 7.2 km of Chambal Gharial Sanctuary. Since the ESZ of this sanctuary has not been notified, therefore the NBWL Clearance is applicable. Accordingly State Government shall ensure that the necessary clearance is obtained by the user agency.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/clarification/documents as indicated above to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd-
(Suneet Baradwaj)**

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Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Department, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur.
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Jaipur.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.