

F.No. 8-16/2019-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi: 1100 03,
Dated: 23 July, 2019

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests & Environment,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 80.737 hectares of forest land (8.33 ha. Forest land & 72.407 Revenue Forest land) for establishment of Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Chhindwara District of Madhya Pradesh State in favour of M/s Chhindwara Plus Developers Ltd., Nagpur -reg.,

Sir,

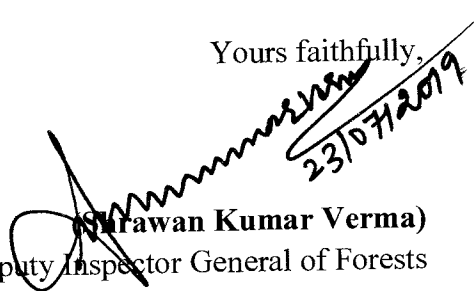
I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-5/867/2019/10-11/1109 dated 22.04.2019 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After the examination of the proposal submitted by the State Government the Ministry has observed the following shortcomings:

- i. The justification for locating the project in the forest area is not appropriate.
- ii. The total land required for this project is 1320.065 ha including 80.737 ha of forest land. The User Agency has provided KML file only of 80.737 ha instead of the entire area and the KML file for the entire area *i.e.* 1320.065 ha may be uploaded.
- iii. CA scheme is given for seven years instead of ten year plantation scheme.
- iv. Land Use Plan of the proposed forest land to be diverted is not been provided.
- v. Land Use map submitted is not approved by the competent authority.
- vi. The purpose wise breakup of the proposed Forest Area is not provided by the User Agency.
- vii. SOI toposheet provided for CA land is submitted in hard copy format but same has not been uploaded in online application form-II under column 13 (iii).
- viii. The User Agency has not submitted Cost-Benefit Analysis as per the Annexure III of the Comprehensive guideline 2019 issued by this Ministry dated 28.03.2019.

2. It may be noted that the Compensatory Afforestation land whether one time or twice the proposed diverted area for SEZ shall be decided as per the updated guidelines applicable at the time of grant of in principle/ Stage -I approval.

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

Yours faithfully,


23/07/2019
(Sravan Kumar Verma)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980 O/o PCCF, Forest Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
3. The Dy. Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.