

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

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Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110003
Dated: As per E-sign

To,

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

Subject: Proposal seeking ex-facto approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 2.775 ha Reserved Forest land under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for widening/ up-gradation of Bhabhra-Udaigarh Road under ADB-6 scheme in favour of Madhya Pradesh Road Development Corporation Limited in Alirajpur District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/ROAD/138467/2021) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-5/1141/2022/10-11/2107 dated 15.06.2022 submitted the above subject proposal to the Regional Office, Bhopal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that after examination of the proposal in the Ministry following shortcoming have been observed:

- i. The KML file of only a small portion of road has been submitted, whereas there is road existing on the both sides of this stretch. The KML file of the entire stretch of road showing to and fro alignment from start till end shall be uploaded.
- ii. The State shall submit a justification as to why the proposal is submitted in piecemeal and only a small stretch of the road has been proposed for approval and the remaining portion has not been included in the proposal. A detail of total area(forest+non-forest) included in the entire road shall be submitted.
- iii. The approved copy of muck disposal plan shall be submitted.
- iv. In online Part-II, the State Govt. has reported presence of Schedule-I species in the proposed area. Therefore, the comment from the CWLW needs submission along with the proposed mitigation measures.
- v. The State shall submit a detailed report on violation including the time period when the work was started and completed. The action taken report against the violation shall also be submitted.
- vi. The State Govt. reported that the violations of the Van Adhiniyam 1980 done by the user agency owing to discrepancy in the land records of Revenue and

Forest Department. A detailed report/justification in this regard needs submission.

- vii. The Present status of work in the proposed forest land as well in the Non-forest land involved in the layout needs clarification.
- viii. The user agency in the online Part-I reported that there is No Non-forest land involved in the project. This needs justification.
- ix. The Compensatory afforestation has been proposed over degraded forest land. However as per the provisions of the Van (Sanraksham Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, the CA must be raised over equivalent non-forest land. Therefore the State Government shall provide the details of equal non-forest land for undertaking CA along with required documents.
- x. The State Govt. in online Part-II reported canopy density of the proposed forest land as 0.4 wherein only 8 number of trees has been proposed to be felled. The same needs to be reexamined and factual position in this regard needs submission.
- xi. The State Govt. in online Part-II has not clarified whether the proposed forest land is vulnerable to soil erosion or otherwise. The factual position in this regard needs submission along with mitigation measure to minimize the soil erosion.
- xii. The State shall submit a detailed report on violation including the time period during when the work was started and completed.

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 14-08-2024 16:01:26

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(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.