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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).

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Rajasthan's letter No. P.1 (37) VAN/2022 dated 06.06.2022 furnishing the reply on Ministry's letter dated 20/21.04.2022. After examination of the response of State Govt, it is observed that the queries raised by the Ministry have not been completely addressed. The Site Inspection Report (SIR) from Integrated Regional Office (IRO) for this proposal has also raised certain issues and accordingly following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. The DCF, Bharatpur had recommended that no mining should be allowed in 15.30 ha area which falls inside Eco-Sensitive Zone of Band-Baretha Wildlife Sanctuary and accordingly the proposal was recommended by the State Govt. However, now it has been informed that the boundaries of Eco sensitive zone of Bandh Baretha Wild life Sanctuary are being modified. In view of this, the State Govt. is requested to clarify the position along-with a copy of Notification of Eco-sensitive Zone.
- ii. Integrated Regional Office (IRO), Jaipur in SIR has pointed out that the proposed CA area is not of very good quality as per Ministry's Guideline dated 13.07.2022 and only 200 plants/ha can be planted on this area. Further it has been mentioned that in order to accommodate 1000 plants for each hectare of CA plantation, in addition to 248.55 ha area an additional area of 994.206 ha(248.5515ha x 4) can be utilized from the remaining 4582.809 ha which is already available at the same location. In view of this, the State Govt. shall revisit the proposed CA sites and ensure that the same are in accordance with the Ministry's guidelines issued vide Letter No.11-423/2011-FC dated 13.07.2022.The CA Scheme approved by the competent authority is accordingly required to be submitted.
- iii. IRO Jaipur has also reported that the proposed CA areas comprising Kankanchal and Adi Badri hills in Bharatpur District forms part of important Brij Chaurashi region, which is main center of the Krishna Circuit of the Hindu Pilgrimage. State Govt. shall examine the impact of the same on proposed CA areas and ensure that it does not adversely affect the continuity and compactness of the CA areas

- iv. The State govt has not yet uploaded the kml file of the safety zone on PARIVESH portal. It is again requested that the KML file for safety zone area may be uploaded on PARIVESH.
- v. The approved reclamation plan for open cast mining has not been furnished which is required to be done.

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

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

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