

File No. 8-07/2019-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 6th August, 2020

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Environment & Forests,
Government of Uttar Pradesh,
Lucknow.

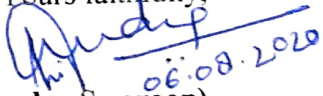
Sub: Diversion of 115.874 ha. of forest land in favour of M/s Jaiprakash Associates Ltd. for proposed diversion of forest land at village Kota in Tehsil Robertsganj, District Sonbhadra for JP Super cement plant & it's township (a unit of Jaiprakash Associates Ltd. Sector 128, Noida) in District Sonbhadra, State Uttar Pradesh- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh letter no. 1126/81-2-2020-800 (162)/2018 dated 18.06.2020 on the above captioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), in its meeting held on 13th July, 2020. The FAC, after deliberation and examination, has sought the following information/documents from the State Government at the earliest:

1. A detailed site inspection report based on joint site inspection by the Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Lucknow and officials of the State Forest Department, regarding violation done as per the provisions under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 over the forest area proposed for diversion by user agency. The report shall include among others:
 - a. Status of forest land proposed for diversion and extent of violations of FCA 1980;
 - b. Extent of forest area, within the proposed area of diversion, where violation under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been done;
 - c. Suitability of site proposed for compensatory afforestation vis-à-vis DSS analysis report;
 - d. Any other information relevant with instant proposal.
2. The State Government shall provide details of construction activity carried out on proposed forest area for diversion by user agency after Hon'ble NGT order in OA No. 494 of 2015 dated 04.05.2016, if any;
3. Present possession status of remaining forest area outside the proposed area for diversion, i.e. 1083.203 ha – 115.874 ha = 967.126 ha.

Yours faithfully,


(Brijendra Swaroop)
06.08.2020

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- i. The PCCF & HoFF, Department of Forests, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow;
- ii. The Dy. DG (C) Regional Office (CZ), MoEF&CC, Lucknow;
- iii. The Nodal Officer, (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow;
- iv. User Agency;
- v. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi;
- vi. Guard File.