

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

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Dated: 14th September, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 1305.142 ha (instead of 1248.821 ha) forest land for the construction of Maa Ratangarh Multipurpose Project in favour of Executive Engineer, Dabra under Datia and Gwalior Districts of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/40397/2019) - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter no. F-3/50/2019/10-11/6/3868 dated 25.08.2023 on the above cited subject forwarding the required information. The examination of the said information has revealed that:

- i. The details of distribution network like canals and pipelines, which may further have required diversion of forest land etc. has not been given. The State Govt. has not provided the complete lay out plan indicating all the components like canal, pipelines etc. The detail of the area requirement for these components has also not been submitted.
- ii. The Chief Wildlife Warden in its recommendations dated 25.07.2023 has mentioned that a huge population of Crocodiles are found in Sindh river and the construction of proposed dam on the Sindh river will further lead to Man-Crocodile conflict. However the State Govt. has not submitted their comments on the said observation along with the mitigation measures.
- iii. The detailed Compensatory Afforestation scheme for the proposed non forest land (Ravine land) and degraded forest land has not been submitted and same has not been found uploaded on Parivesh portal.

In view of the above, the Government of Madhya Pradesh is requested to furnish the information as above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), 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.