

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

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Dated: 15th September, 2022

To

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

Subject: Diversion of 181.39 ha (182.16 ha as per online proposal) forest land for the construction of Apchand Medium Irrigation Project in favour of Water Resource Division under Sagar District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/43200/2019) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the PCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter no. forwarding a fresh proposal on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After examining the proposal, the following shortcomings have been observed:

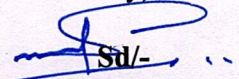
- i. The State Govt. has not specified whether the dam to be constructed will be an earthen dam or otherwise.
- ii. The Satellite imagery shows the presence of agricultural land and plantation carried out recently (as per satellite imagery date 01.05.2021) within the proposed forest land for diversion. This needs clarification.
- iii. The KML file of submergence area i.e. 493.07 ha and the KML file of 8.31 ha proposed for 'Saddle' proposed on the Non-forest land needs submission.
- iv. The KML file of area identified for carrying out plantation work on the degraded forest land shall be submitted.
- v. The site suitability certificates have not been submitted in case of CA areas. The State shall ensure that the proposed NFL for CA is in conformity to the Ministry's guideline dated 13.07.2022 and submit the site suitability certificates accordingly.
- vi. The copy of CAT plan as submitted does not show that the same is approved by the Principal CCF & HoFF or any other officer authorized by him for the purpose as prescribed under the Chapter-9 at para 9.2 (vi) of Comprehensive guideline Handbook, 2019. The same needs submission.
- vii. The State Govt. shall examine the site specificity of the proposal and submit detailed report along with justification as to why the project cannot be executed in non-forest area.
- viii. The Cost-Benefit Analysis has not been submitted as per the prescribed format and guidelines in this regard. Further the rates of NPV have now been revised by the Ministry vide letter dated 06/01/2022 which are also required to be incorporated in the Cost Benefit Analysis.
- ix. As per DSS analysis, it has been reported that CA patch namely GORAIYA (54.624 ha) includes a Dam like feature based on the visual interpretation of Google earth

imagery. The State Govt shall therefore ensure that the NFL proposed for CA is not within the submergence zone of any other project and the proposed NFL for CA has not been allotted to or is proposed to be included in any other project.

- x. The District Collector, Sagar vide order dated 12/11/2021 has sent the proposal for allotment of 70.430 ha Revenue land at Goraiya in favour of the DFO, South Forest Division, Sagar District against the Apchand Medium Irrigation Project . Out of 70.430 ha area the State Government has proposed that 54.624 ha is to be used for CA in the instant proposal. The status of remaining NFL i.e. 15.806 ha (70.430 - 54.624) needs to be clarified.

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

Yours sincerely,



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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Regional Officer, Integrated 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.