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To

✓ The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhavan,
New Raipur (CG).

Sub: Diversion of 21.293 ha of Forest land in favour of Executive Engineer, Water Resources Division No. 2 Ramanujanj for construction of canal of Khutpali Diversion scheme in Balrampur District in the State of Chhattisgarh – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-5-60/2008/10-2 dated 07.01.2017 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. Bhu/Prabandh/Sinchai/425-56/1191 dated 3.05.2017 forwarding additional information as sought by the Regional Office vide its letter of even number dated 20.02.2017 and to say that proposal along with the additional information submitted by the Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh was considered by the Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 29th May, 2017 and the Committee, after detailed examination of the proposal, decided that proposal may again be placed before the Committee after receipt of following information from the State Government:

- Forest patch wise area calculation statement, indicating the length and breadth, forest density may be submitted by the State Government along with detail of patches which are being bifurcated from the transmission line.
- Alignment of canal may be depicted on a map of appropriate scale vis-a-vis forest area and their bifurcation being effected from the construction of canal
- Information on the availability of the land bank of Revenue Forest land in the State should be obtained from the State Government. District wise details of area available under Revenue Forest land may be categorized into categories of 0-5 ha, 5-10 ha 10 ha and more by the State Government and the same may be submitted to the Regional Office. The Committee further opined that State Government may be requested to explore the possibility of raising CA over Revenue Forest land or Government revenue land in the instant case and accordingly, proposal for CA may be revised.
- The Committee taking cognizance of the repeated violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, recorded its displeasure, and desired to obtain from the State Government, a detailed violation report in the matter and credible action taken against the offenders.
- Reasons may be furnished by the State Government as to why no cognizance of the offence was taken during the intervening period along with the details of the officers/staff of the user Agency and

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the State Forest Department who have ignored such violations and a report on actions taken against them.

The Committee also desired that a Sub-Committee of the REC may visit the area to ascertain the factual position of the proposal.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information on the shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,



(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'C'

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1. The PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
2. The Nodal Officer FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. User Agency.
4. Guard File.



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