

कार्यालय प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (कक्ष-भू प्रबंध) वन भवन, मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

सी-ब्लॉक, द्वितीय तल, लिंक रोड नं:-2, तुलसी नगर, भोपाल-462003

क्रमांक/एफ-3/16/2018/10-11/ 4874
प्रति,

भोपाल, दिनांक 13/09/2024

परियोजना प्रशासक,
मोरंड गंजाल एवं होशंगाबाद बैराज,
पी.आई.यू. सिवनी मालवा, जिला नर्मदापुरम, मध्यप्रदेश।

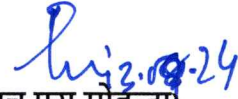
विषय:- जिला होशंगाबाद, बैतूल, हरदा एवं खण्डवा के अंतर्गत मोरण्ड-गंजाल सिंचाई परियोजना के निर्माण हेतु 2250.05 हेक्टेयर वनभूमि नर्मदा घाटी विकास प्राधिकरण को उपयोग पर देने बाबत।
संदर्भ:- भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली में आयोजित सलाहाकार समिति की बैठक दिनांक 27/08/2024

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विषयांकित प्रकरण के संबंध में दिनांक 27/08/2024 को भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली में सलाहाकार समिति की बैठक आयोजित की गयी। प्रकरण में भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली द्वारा पत्र दिनांक 08/03/2024 से अतिरिक्त 05 बिन्दुओं की जानकारी चाही गयी जिसका उत्तर कार्यालयीन पत्र दिनांक 06/08/2024 से भारत सरकार को प्रेषित किया गया, जिसे सलाहाकार समिति द्वारा अमान्य किया गया है।

अतः प्रकरण में लेख है कि सलाहाकार समिति के निर्देश अनुसार भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली के पत्र दिनांक 08/03/2024 (छायाप्रति संलग्न है) से चाही गयी अतिरिक्त 05 बिन्दुओं की जानकारी का पूर्ण उत्तर तैयार कर इस कार्यालय को प्रेषित किया जावे।

संलग्न:-उपरोक्तानुसार।



(एच.एस.मोहन्ता)

अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध)
मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

भोपाल, दिनांक 13/09/2024

पृ. क्रमांक/एफ-3/16/2018/10-11/ 4875
प्रतिलिपि:-

1. मुख्य वन संरक्षक, (क्षेत्रीय) नर्मदापुरम/खण्डवा/बैतूल/उज्जैन, मध्यप्रदेश।
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की ओर सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु अग्रेषित।



अपर प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध)
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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
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Dated: As per E-Sign

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 2250.05 ha (instead of 2272.05 ha) forest land for construction of Morand - Ganjal Irrigation Project located in Hoshangabad, Betul, Harda and Khandwa Districts of Madhya Pradesh State in favour of M/s Narmada Valley Development Authority (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/36231/2018) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the Government of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-3/16/2018/10-11/4195 dated 06.08.2024 forwarding the information regarding proposal on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 27.08.2024. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in.

After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee observed that the State Govt. has not submitted the complete information in view of recommendations of Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 28.02.2024 which was communicated to the State Government vide Ministry letter dated 08.03.2024. Accordingly, it is again re-iterated that the State Govt. shall submit the required information as per Ministry letter dated 08.03.2024 (**Copy enclosed**).

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours sincerely,

Encl.: As Above

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

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Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 17-09-2024 13:05:17

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, 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.

an undertaking that the same shall not be used for any non-site specific activity or additional infrastructure.

- iv. Satellite imagery shows the presence of Metal Road within the proposed forest land for diversion for which it has been informed that Existing road be shifted outside the lease boundary. In this regard the State Govt. shall submit the details along with plan before Stage-II approval.
- v. Satellite imagery shows encroachment in few patches proposed for CA for which the State Govt. informed that the land will be handed over to the forest department free from all encumbrances prior to Stage-II approval. The State Govt. shall submit the site suitability certificate for proposed CA land free from all encumbrances from the concerned DFO before Stage-II approval.

Agenda No. 12

File No. 8-16/2023-FC

Subject: Diversion of 2250.05 ha (instead of 2272.05 ha) forest land for construction of Morand - Ganjal Irrigation Project located in Hoshangabad, Betul, Harda and Khandwa Districts of Madhya Pradesh State in favour of M/s Narmada Valley Development Authority (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/36231/2018) – regarding.

1. The agenda item was considered by the AC in its meeting held on 27.08.2024. The corresponding agenda note may be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. The Dy. DGF (Central), RO, Bhopal and Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh were present in the meeting.
2. During the meeting, all the facts and background of the proposal, along with examination of the proposal in the DSS were presented and explained by the Member Secretary before the AC for their examination and analysis. Committee was also apprised of the relevant provisions under other Acts, Rules and Guidelines relevant to the proposal and their significance.
3. The Advisory Committee (AC) after thorough deliberation and discussion observed the following:
 - i. The Government of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter No. F-3/16/2018/10- 11/1667 dated 26.04.2023 forwarded a fresh proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 2272.05 ha forest land for construction of Morand - Ganjal Irrigation Project located in Hoshangabad, Betul, Harda and Khandwa Districts of Madhya Pradesh State in favour of M/s Narmada Valley Development Authority.
 - ii. Thereafter on the basis of technical analysis, the State Government vide letter no F-3/16/2018/10-11/3669 dated 16.08.2023 submitted that on re-examination of the affected forest area in this project, the area of affected forest land has been found to be 2250.05 hectares.
 - iii. Density of vegetation in the proposed area is from 0.4 to 0.7 having Eco class 3 and approximately 7,17,232 number of trees will be affected at the full reservoir level(FRL) out of which a total of 5,75,164 no. of trees are marked for felling at FRL-4-meter Level.
 - iv. The proposal involves rehabilitation of 644 no. of families out of which 604 are Schedule Tribes families and 40 are other families.

- v. The proposed forest diversion area is falling in Satpura - Melghat Tiger corridor and the CCF, Betul and the CF, Narmadapuram in their Site Inspection reports have mentioned that the forest land proposed for diversion forms a part of an active wildlife corridor utilized by wild animals (Tiger, Panther, etc.). The project execution may therefore lead to habitat fragmentation and cause obstruction in the corridor.
- vi. The State Government vide letter no. F-3/16/2018/10-11/1667 dated 26.04.2023 has mentioned that compensatory afforestation has been proposed over an area of 2407.189 ha non forest land in Agar Malwa, Sagar, Betul and Jabalpur District, Madhya Pradesh. However, the detailed Compensatory Afforestation scheme for the proposed non forest land has not been submitted.
- vii. It has been observed that the District Collectors, Sagar, Betul, Agar Malwa and Jabalpur have reserved land for carrying out CA in the instant proposal. However, after examination of the same it has been found that as per District Collector, Betul vide their order dated 25.09.2018 an area of 662.00 ha of land has been reserved for CA out of which an area of 386.469 ha is proposed for CA against the instant proposal in Tehsil Betul, Amla and Godhadungri. However, the land type of proposed CA is recorded as Forest land, Bade Jhar ka Jungle. Also as per District Collector, Sagar vide their order dated 18.09.2018 an area of 1071.99 ha of land has been reserved for CA and same is proposed for CA against the instant proposal. However, the land type of proposed CA in Tehsil Kesli, Village – Padhna Khurd, Chirai, Rengajholi is recorded as Government Forest land. Further the land type (Bhumi Noiyath) of CA land is not recorded in District Collector, Jabalpur order dated 18.02.2019. Therefore, the Ministry vide letter no. 8-16/2023-FC dated 13.06.2023 requested the State Government to clarify that whether such lands proposed for CA does not comes in the ambit of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and justify these lands as Non Forest Land.
- viii. In this regard, the Government of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter No. F3/16/2018/10-11/3669 dated 16.08.2023 has informed that the project is likely to be executed in a phased manner as under and in First Phase 116.27 ha forest land is required and for the same Compensatory Afforestation scheme for the area of 116.27 ha non forest land is submitted.

S. No	Phase	Component	Proposed area in Ha
1	First	Dam seat and Sluice, Pipeline PH/DC, Spillway Channel with Fish Ladder, Approach & Diversion Road, Transmission line	116.27
2	Second	FRL-4	1135.57
3	Third	FRL-4	616.748
4	fourth	FRL	381.462
		Total	2250.05

- ix. As per DSS analysis, it has been observed that Satellite imagery shows the presence of Settlements/Built-up, Agriculture land, earthen dam, Road, playground, presence of earthen dam and canals in the CA areas and the proposed CA area are not free from encumbrances.
- x. As per the technical approval dated 18.10.2017 it has been reported that the Morand Dam will be constructed in Phase-I and if the water requirement gets fulfilled by the same in that case the construction of Ganjal will not take place. Moreover, the Indira Sagar Dam is located at a distance of 54.40 Km from the proposed forest diversion site for Harda Dam and Tawa Reservoir is located at a distance of 34.33 Km from the proposed forest diversion site for Morand Dam. However, later on the State Govt. has informed that even after the construction of Ganjal Dam, a large area will remain deprived of irrigation facilities and State Government vide approval letter number F31- 21/2017/2401, dated 21/04/2022 has decided to construct both the dams.
- xi. The RO, Bhopal in site inspection report has reported that as the proposed area for diversion is 2250.05 ha, the user agency has provided 2289.209 ha nonforest land at several locations in Betul, Jabalpur, Sagar & Agar Malwa District. Further it has been reported that there was no numbering of the trees falling in either submergence area or dam seat or spillway channel and it was found that there was no complete enumeration of the trees in the proposed area for diversion had taken place. Moreover, the figures given for no. of affected trees in the proposed diversion area was as per the no. of trees per ha mentioned in the working plan.
- xii. As per the DSS analysis, the proposed forest land for diversion is located at a distance of 52.22 Km from the Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary and 37.28 Km from the Bori Wildlife Sanctuary. However, the proposed forest diversion patches are falling on Satpura-Melghat Tiger corridor.
- xiii. The compensatory afforestation has been proposed over non forest land in Agar Malwa, Sagar, Betul and Jabalpur District, Madhya Pradesh. However, the detailed Compensatory Afforestation scheme for the proposed non forest land has not been submitted and the Government of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter No. F-3/16/2018/10-11/3669 dated 16.08.2023 has informed that the project is likely to be executed in a phased manner and in first phase 116.27 ha forest land is required and for the same Compensatory Afforestation scheme for the area of 116.27 ha non forest land is submitted.
- xiv. The proposal was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 14.11.2023 wherein the Committee deferred the proposal for want of following information:
- a. In order to have actual assessment of the no. of trees involved in the project, the species wise and girth class wise complete enumeration of the trees falling in proposed diversion area shall be submitted.
 - b. Keeping in view the fact that the area proposed for diversion and submergence is quite large and is located in a landscape which is part of an active wildlife corridor i.e., Satpura-Melghat Tiger corridor, the execution of the project may lead to habitat fragmentation and cause obstruction in the corridor. Therefore, a

study of the possible impacts of the project on the Biodiversity and Wildlife by Wildlife Institute of India which shall be submitted along with the specific recommendation from the CWLW and State Govt.

- c. The State shall submit the recommendations/comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) on the instant proposal.
 - d. Keeping in view the fact that the area is within Satpura-Melghat Tiger Corridor, the State shall take necessary action as per rules to seek the requisite recommendations of NBWL/SBWL.
 - e. The complete CA scheme, along with relevant documents, revenue record, maps and KML files for the total non-forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation shall be submitted. The State shall ensure that the proposed area is free from all encumbrances.
- xv. The said decision of the Advisory Committee was communicated to the State Government vide Ministry letter dated 27.11.2023 and in this reference the State Government vide their letter no. F-3/16/2018/10-11/830 dated 06.02.2024 has submitted the information. The examination of the said information has revealed that:
- a. In order to have actual assessment of the no. of trees involved in the project, the species wise and girth class wise complete enumeration of the trees falling in proposed diversion area as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
 - b. The study of the possible impacts of the project on the Biodiversity and Wildlife by Wildlife Institute of India along with the specific recommendation from the CWLW and State Govt. as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
 - c. The recommendations/comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) on the instant proposal as requested have not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
 - d. Necessary action as per rules to seek the requisite recommendations of NBWL/ SBWL as requested has not been taken by the State Govt. which needs submission.
 - e. The complete CA scheme, along with relevant documents, revenue record, maps and KML files for the total non-forest land proposal for Compensatory Afforestation and to ensure that the proposed area is free from all encumbrances as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
- xvi. The proposal was again considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 28.02.2024 wherein the Committee deferred the proposal for want of following information:
- a. In order to have actual assessment of the no. of trees involved in the project, the species wise and girth class wise complete enumeration of the trees falling in proposed diversion area as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.

- b. The study of the possible impacts of the project on the Biodiversity and Wildlife by Wildlife Institute of India along with the specific recommendation from the CWLW and State Govt. as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
 - c. The recommendations/comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) on the instant proposal as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
 - d. Necessary action as per rules to seek the requisite recommendations of NBWL/ SBWL as requested has not been taken by the State Govt. which needs submission.
 - e. The complete CA scheme, along with relevant documents, revenue record, maps and KML files for the total non-forest land proposal for Compensatory Afforestation and to ensure that the proposed area is free from all encumbrances as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission. The Ministry vide letter dated 16.02.2024 has requested the State Govt. to furnish the above mentioned information.
- xvii. The said decision of the Advisory Committee (AC) was communicated to the State Government vide Ministry letter dated 08.03.2024. In this reference, the State Government vide their letter dated 06.08.2024 has submitted the information. The examination of the said information has revealed that:
- a. In order to have actual assessment of the no. of trees involved in the project, the species wise and girth class wise complete enumeration of the trees falling in proposed diversion area as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
 - b. The study of the possible impacts of the project on the Biodiversity and Wildlife by Wildlife Institute of India along with the specific recommendation from the CWLW and State Govt. as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
 - c. The recommendations/comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) on the instant proposal as requested have not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
 - d. Necessary action as per rules to seek the requisite recommendations of NBWL/ SBWL as requested has not been taken by the State Govt. which needs submission.
 - e. The complete CA scheme, along with relevant documents, revenue record, maps and KML files for the total non-forest land proposal for Compensatory Afforestation and to ensure that the proposed area is free from all encumbrances as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
4. **Decision of the Advisory Committee:** The Committee had detailed discussion and deliberation with the Dy. DGF (Central), RO, Bhopal and Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh. After going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made by the Dy. DGF (Central), RO, Bhopal

and Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh, the Committee observed that the State Govt. has not submitted the complete information in view of recommendations of Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 28.02.2024 which was communicated to the State Government vide Ministry letter dated 08.03.2024. Accordingly, it is again re-iterated that the State Govt. shall submit the required information as per Ministry letter dated 08.03.2024.

Agenda No. 13

File No. 8-01/2024-FC

Subject: Diversion of 1397.54 ha forest land out of which 1335.35 ha Reserved forest land (RF) in various forest compartments and 62.19 ha Revenue forest in various Khasra's of Forest Range Waidhan/ Sarai East for Open Cast Dhirauli Coal Mine Project in favour of M/s Stratatech Mineral Resources Private Limited under Singrauli Forest Division, Singrauli District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/142344/2021) - regarding.

1. The agenda item was considered by the AC in its meeting held on 27.08.2024. The corresponding agenda note may be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. The Dy. DGF (Central), RO, Bhopal and Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh were present in the meeting.
2. During the meeting, all the facts and background of the proposal, along with examination of the proposal in the DSS were presented and explained by the Member Secretary before the AC for their examination and analysis. Committee was also apprised of the relevant provisions under other Acts, Rules and Guidelines relevant to the proposal and their significance.
3. The Advisory Committee (AC) after thorough deliberation and discussion observed the following:
 - i. The Government of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter No. F-1/845/2023/10 11/492 dated 22.01.2024 forwarded a fresh proposal on the above subject to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
 - ii. The proposed diversion area involves 1397.54 ha forest land out of which 1335.35 ha Reserved forest land (RF) in various forest compartments and 62.19 ha Revenue forest in various Khasra's of Forest Range Waidhan/ Sarai East under Singrauli Forest Division.
 - iii. The proposed diversion area is having Forest classification of Eco-class 3 and having canopy density of 0.6 wherein 5,70,666 number of trees are marked for felling.
 - iv. The tree enumeration was carried out by sampling method. The total no. of samples laid was 140 of 0.1 ha each and total no. of trees proposed for felling, arrived at is 5,70,666. As per the extant guideline Chapter-1, 1.4(vi), for areas more than 10 hectares the abstract of tree can be computed either from the working plan or by standard sampling method.
 - v. The Component wise breakup of the proposed forest land as well as non-forest land are as under:

Sr.	Component Name	Area inside (in Ha)	Total Area (Ha)
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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110003
Dated: March, 2024

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 2250.05 ha (instead of 2272.05 ha) forest land for construction of Morand - Ganjal Irrigation Project located in Hoshangabad, Betul, Harda and Khandwa Districts of Madhya Pradesh State in favour of M/s Narmada Valley Development Authority (Online No. FP/MP/IRRIG/36231/2018) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-3/16/2018/10-11/830 dated 06.02.2024 forwarding the information regarding proposal on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 28.02.2024. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee deferred the proposal for non-forest use of 2250.05 ha forest land for construction of Morand - Ganjal Irrigation Project for want of following information:

- i. In order to have actual assessment of the no. of trees involved in the project, the species wise and girth class wise complete enumeration of the trees falling in proposed diversion area as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
- ii. The study of the possible impacts of the project on the Biodiversity and Wildlife by Wildlife Institute of India along with the specific recommendation from the CWLW and State Govt. as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
- iii. The recommendations/comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) on the instant proposal as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt. which needs submission.
- iv. Necessary action as per rules to seek the requisite recommendations of NBWL/ SBWL as requested has not been taken by the State Govt. which needs submission.
- v. The complete CA scheme, along with relevant documents, revenue record, maps and KML files for the total non-forest land proposal for Compensatory Afforestation and to ensure that the proposed area is free from all encumbrances as requested has not been submitted by the State Govt.

which needs submission.

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,

Signed by

Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 08-03-2024 16:38:35

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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