

F. No. 8-16/2023-FC (E-209627)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 21-09-2025

To

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

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for 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 to the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-3/16/2018/10-11/1667 dated 26.04.2023 on the proposal mentioned in above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. The proposal was considered in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 30.07.2025 and the Advisory Committee after the detailed discussion with Nodal Officer, Madhya Pradesh and DDGF (C), Regional Office Bhopal, MoEF&CC '**deferred**' the proposal with the following observations:-

- a. The State Government shall re-cast the proposal as per the recommendation of the Sub-Committee and submit with all requisite details/kml files, maps, documents, certificates, CA scheme and recommendations of concerned authorities.
- b. The state shall also provide a point wise status report on the recommendations of the sub-committee.

2. In this regard, after examination of the reply submitted by the State Government vide letter dated 12.08.2025 and 28.08.2025 in view of the observations of the Advisory Committee meeting dated 30.07.2025, the following shortcomings has been observed:

- i. The Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 30.07.2025 decided to recast the proposal as per the recommendation of the Sub-Committee and submit the proposal with all requisite details/kml files, maps, documents, certificates, CA scheme and recommendations of concerned

authorities. However, the State has not submitted the revised proposal as required. The State shall therefore recast and submit the revised proposal with complete details as above including the detail of the proportionate area identified for Compensatory Afforestation.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to the Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

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

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's Regional Office, at Bhopal.
3. APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading.