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No. 6-MPC 018/2019-BHO/ 892

To,

The APCCF (LM) and Nodal Officer
Govt. of M.P.,
Forest Department,
Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal, M.P.

Sub : Diversion of 7.448 ha Reserved Forest land for construction of new coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa railway siding in favour of General Manager, Jayant Project NCL in Singrouli district of Madhya Pradesh.

Ref : 1) Your office letter No. F-5/859/2019/10-11/2618 dated 19/08/2019.
2) REC minutes letter No. 6-REC/10/2014-BHO/Part-II/874 dated 29/08/2019.

Sir,

Kind reference to above given subject and reference, I am directed to enclose herewith the copy of Agenda No. 3 of the minutes of meeting of 38th REC dated 23/08/2019, in which above said proposal was discussed. The copy of the minutes of meeting of 38th REC is also available on e.portal (http://forestsclearance.nic.in/REC_Report.aspx).

Further, you are requested to submit the detailed compliance report in accordance to decision taken at Agenda 3 of 38th REC meeting held on 23/08/2019 for further necessary action.

Encl : As above

Copy to :-

1. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division Singrouli, District- Singrouli, M.P.
2. The General Manager, Jayant Project NCL, PO-Jayant, District- Singrouli, Madhya Pradesh.

Yours faithfully

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Regional Office (WZ), Bhopal.
38th Meeting of Regional Empowered Committee, Bhopal
Dt. 23/08/2019



File No. 6-REC 10/2014-BHO/ Part II/ 874

Dated : 29/08/2019

MINUTES OF MEETING

The following members were present:

1. Shri Kanwarjit Singh, DDGF (C) / Chairperson, REC
2. Dr. Sudesh Waghmare, Member, REC
3. Shri. B. Abhay Bhaskar, AIGF(C) / Member Secretary, REC

The following Special invitees were present:

1. Shri Sunil Agrawal, APCCF (LM)-cum-Nodal Office (FCA), Govt of Madhya Pradesh.
2. Shri Jai Pal Singh, APCCF (L)-cum-Nodal Office (FCA), Govt of Gujarat.

The following proposals were placed in the REC meeting for discussion:

Madhya Pradesh

Agenda 1

Annual Felling Permission for Execution of Working Plan Prescriptions for 2019-2020 and supplementary felling proposal for year 2018-19 from State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.

The State Govt. had submitted the proposal for felling permission vide following letters:

1. Secretary (Forest), Govt. of MP letter no. F-25-108/2016/10-3 dt. 25/06/2019.
2. APCCF (Development), Forest Dept., Govt. of MP letter no. F-05/139/2018-19/10-03/1828 dt. 13/06/2019.
3. APCCF (Development), Forest Dept., Govt. of MP letter no. F-05/139/2019/10-03/2144 dt. 05/07/2019.
4. APCCF (Development), Forest Dept., Govt. of MP letter no. F-05/145/2019/10-03/2570 dt. 22/08/2019.
5. Secretary (Forest), Govt. of MP letter no. F-25/108/2016/10-03/1934 dt. 13/11/2018.
6. Secretary (Forest), Govt. of MP letter no. F-25-108/2016/10-3 dt. 02/01/2019.

The felling permission is requested for the wildlife area or buffer area of National Park / Sanctuary / Protected Area namely (1) Kanha Tiger Reserve, Balaghat, (2) Panna Tiger Reserve, Panna, (3) Sheopor Kuno Wildlife Area, (4) Satpura Tiger Reserve, Hoshangabad, (5) Kanha Tiger Reserve, Mandla, (6) Sidhi (including Sanjay Tiger Reserve) and (7) Pench Tiger Reserve, Seoni shall attracts Para 1.19 (iii) of FCA Handbook 2019 which stated that "All proposals in respect of sanction of Working Plans/Management Plans shall be finally disposed of by the concerned Regional Office of MoEF&CC, under Section 2 of the Act." Approvals in accordingly shall be submitted for proposal to be considered for felling permission by Regional Office, Bhopal.

In the present circumstances cases the management plan of these seven held up areas are not approved by the Regional Office. But they are said to be approved by the CWLW/NTCA. Hence, further instructions are needed from ministry in this regard.

The same issue was raised by the DDGF(C), Bhopal in the FAC meeting held on 31/07/2019. Then, the FAC had decided that instructions will be issued to include NTCA along with the Regional Office in the Para 1.91 (iii) of the FCA Handbook, 2019. But the same didn't found place in the minutes of meeting of FAC dt. 31/07/2019. The Regional Office (WZ), Bhopal had issued a letter for seeking the clarification on the issue from MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

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2. The statement of component wise breakup for the project duly certified by the concerned DFO.
3. The KML file for total area with all components shall be uploaded on *e.portal*.

Further, REC desires that the all above points shall be maintained in clear manner in the forwarding letter of State Govt. of MP for easy understanding.

Agenda 3

✓ Proposal for diversion of 7.448 ha Reserved forest land for construction of new coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa railway siding in favour of General Manager, Jayant Project NCL in Singrouli District in Madhya Pradesh (6-MPC018/2019-BHO).

- 1) The Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Reserved Forest.
- 2) Maps of the site are submitted.
- 3) The item-wise break-up of to the forest land proposed for diversion :

No.	Purpose wise breakup	Forest Division	Village	Survey No.	Area (Ha)
1.	Construction of new coal transportation road	Singrouli	Medhauli	RF - 273 RF - 274	1.673 5.774
TOTAL					7.448 Ha

- 4) In addition to the above forest land, no non-forest land is required for the project.
- 5) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 2019 Lakh and manpower to be generated, Permanent- 00 & Temporary- 400 person.
- 6) Cost-benefit analysis is submitted.
- 7) Density of vegetation is 0.2 to 0.3 and 1,151 trees are marked for felling on the proposed forest land. A 906 number of trees upto 60 cm. Species-wise & girth-wise details is submitted.
- 8) It has been certified that the requirement of proposed forest land is unavoidable & barest minimum. Details regarding exploration of alternatives and the suitability of present alternative on a map & comparative analysis not submitted.
- 9) The Certificate of Collector under FRA, 2006 is not submitted.
- 10) The Site Inspection report in prescribed format of the concerned territorial DCF is submitted and no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act., 1980
- 11) The proposed forest land does not form any part of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Biosphere Reserve/Tiger Reserve/Elephant Corridor etc. and outside 10 km of the boundaries of the nearest protected area.
- 12) There is no protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the proposed area.
- 13) Displacement of people and rehabilitation plan is not required.
- 14) CA is proposed over 20.00 ha degraded forest land (Survey No. Barka PF 672, Van Suraksh Samiti- Sarratola, Tehsil-Sarai, District-Singrouli). The land is found suitable for raising plantation, Map of CA and CA scheme for 07 years is submitted.
- 15) CCF (T), Nodal Officer and State Government have recommended the proposal for approval.
- 16) The proposal was discussed in the 35th REC dt 17/05/2019 and REC *deferred* the proposal for diversion of 7.448 ha Reserved forest land for construction of new coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa railway siding in favour of General Manager, Jayant Project NCL in Singrouli District in Madhya Pradesh for want of following information:
 1. The KML file of mining lease area and the FC clearance for the area.
 2. The FRA certificate.
 3. The Cost benefit ratio.
 4. The details regarding exploration of alternative and maps certified by DFO.
 5. The SoI, Geo referenced map of CA and CA scheme for ten years.
 6. The DSS analysis shows, agriculture and encroachment, thus CA free from all incumbencies shall be submitted.


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- 17) The information was submitted by the State Govt. vide its letter dt. 19/08/2019. It was examined at RO(WZ), Bhopal and some short falls were noted:
1. FRA for 10.598 ha vide DC, Singtolli letter dt. 28/03/2019 is submitted and project is for 7.448 ha.
 2. The map for exploration is submitted and comparative statement is not submitted.
 3. The KML of proposed diversion and mine lease area submitted by State Govt was examined and it was observed that there is gap of aprox. 80 m in forest land form Jayamnt project and in the Negahi OC project of Northern Coalfields Ltd., Singrolli.

Recommendations of REC:

The REC examined the proposal for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The REC also saw the proposal on the Decision Support System (DSS) of FSI.

Accordingly, the REC *deferred* the proposal for diversion of 7.448 ha Reserved forest land for construction of new coal transportation road from Jayant to Morwa railway siding in favour of General Manager, Jayant Project NCL in Singrouli District in Madhya Pradesh on following conditions :

1. FRA for 7.448 for DC, Singtolli shall be submitted.
2. Comparative statement for alternative explored shall be submitted.
3. The representative of NCL had informed the REC that some part aprox. 18 ha area (forest land) of Negahi project is handed over to Jayant project and necessary changes were approved in the Environmental Clearance. Thus, REC desires to obtain the detailed justification for process followed for the changes in the project area of Negahi and Jayant project.
4. The handing over of forest land from Negahi project to Jayant project shall attract the provision of F(C)A, 1980 and according changes in the project area needs approval from Govt. of India under Section 2 of F(C)A, 1980.

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Gujarat

Agenda 4

Diversion of 20.25 ha protected forest land for improvement of road connecting important tourist destination under Pravasi Path for four lanning of Palitana – Talaja road (SH-31) km 0/00 to 32/500 in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division in Bhavnagar District of Gujarat. (6-GJB038/2019-BHO).

- 1) The Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Protected Forest.
- 2) Maps of the site are in order.
- 3) The purpose-wise break-up of to the forest land proposed for diversion is as below :

The purpose-wise break-up of or to the forest land proposed for diversion is as below:					
No.	Description	Length X Width (mtr)		Legal Status	Proposed Area (Sq m.)
1.	Palitana-Talaja (SH No. 31) Km 0/000 to 10/000 (L/S)	10000.00	10.125	Protected Forest	101250.00
2.	Palitana-Talaja (SH No. 31) Km 0/000 to 10/000 (R/S)	10000.00	10.125		101250.00
TOTAL = 2,02,500.00 Sqm = 20.25 Ha					

- 4) In addition to the above forest land, 45.5625 ha non-forest land is also required for the project.
- 5) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 9050 Lakh and manpower to be generated, Permanent- 00 & Temporary- 15000 person.
- 6) Cost-benefit analysis has been given.
- 7) Density of vegetation is 0.1 and 1,010 trees are marked for felling on the proposed forest land. 380 number of trees upto 60 cm. Species-wise & girth-wise details have been made available.
- 8) It has been certified that the requirement of proposed forest land is unavoidable & barest minimum.

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- 9) As per Part-II (point No. IX) Submitted by DCF, Botad & Nodal Officer, FCA has mentioned that the proposed project is for widening & Strengthening of Palitana-Talaja road.
- 10) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act., 1980.
- 11) The Certificate of Collector Bhavnagar under FRA, 2006 has given 65.1825. The views of State Govt. of Gujarat letter dated 02/08/2019.
- 12) The Site Inspection report in prescribed format of the concerned territorial DCF is submitted.
- 13) The proposed forest land does not form any part of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Biosphere Reserve/Tiger Reserve/Elephant Corridor etc. and proposed project is outside 10 km of the boundaries of the nearest protected area.
- 14) There is no protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the proposed area.
- 15) Displacement of people and rehabilitation plan is not required.
- 16) CA is proposed over 41.00 ha degraded forest land Survey No. 102pt, Village-Sakarda, Taluka-Dahod, District-Dahod. The land is found suitable for raising plantation, map of CA and CA scheme for 10 years is submitted.
- 17) CCF (T), Nodal Officer and State Government have recommended the proposal for approval.

Recommendations of REC:

The REC examined the proposal for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The REC also saw the proposal on the Decision Support System (DSS) of FSI.

Accordingly, the REC **approved** the proposal for diversion of 20.25 ha protected forest land for improvement of road connecting important tourist destination under Pravasi Path for four lanning of Palitan - Talaja road (SH-31) km 0/00 to 32/500 in favour of Exective Engineer, R&B Division in Bhavnagar District of Gujarat on standard terms and condition and following specific conditions:

1. FRA certificate for 20.25 ha shall be submitted and uploaded along with the compliance report for Stage-II approval.
2. There is variation in the tree enumeration list reports 1,036 nos and hardcopy reports 1,010 nos, this need to be reconciled and correct number of trees shall be submitted & uploaded along with the compliance report for Stage-II approval.
3. The certified copy of C:B ratio and Geo-ref map of road shall be uploaded along with the compliance report for Stage-II approval.

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