

**6th Meeting of the Regional Empowered Committee , Regional Office, West Central Zone, Nagpur  
held on 29/09/2015 under the Chairmanship of Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Central)**

The following members were present:

1. Shri Kanwarjit Singh, APCCF (C), (Chairperson).
2. Shri Rajendra Lakhichand Nannaware (Member).
3. Prof. Suresh Chopane (Member).
4. Dr. Suresh Chandra Jena (Member).

**Special Invitees:**

The following proposals were placed before the REC for discussions.

**1.Diversion of 6.5 ha of Reserved Forest and Restored Forest land for  
construction of Nagloli in tank Raigarh district of Maharashtra.:**

The case was presented by the user agency.

The committee noted that 6.5 ha of Forest area is involved.

This project envisages construction of main earthen dam 290 m in length with maximum height 26.70m in gorge. A clear over fall type non-gated waste weir on Right bank of 24.00 m in length is proposed in between Ch 290 m to 314 m. Proposed project is 12 Km away from Shrivardhan. No fisheries production is proposed to be developed. No hydro power generation provision is proposed. Hence, there will be no benefits involved on this account. Two villagers are to be benefited in the command area with a total population of 3000.

As per the proposal the details of land proposed for diversion is as under:

Sr. No.	Item	Village	Taluka & Dist	Area in Ha	
				R.F.	Restored Pvt. Forest
1.	Submergence	Nagloli	Shrivardhan & Dist Raigarh	-	2.6260
2.	Dam Line			0.709	2.578
3.	Waste Weir & Tail Channel			0.0830	0.503
<b>Total Area in Ha</b>				0.792	5.708
				<b>6.50 Ha</b>	

The total non-forest area involved in the projects 4.0400 Ha.  
It involves 329 Trees. Only 17 below FRL need to be felled.

The area is not a part of any National Park, Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Elephant Corridor and is not within 10km of the boundaries of any protected area.

The project is not likely to affect any monument site of Cultural, Historical ,Religious ,Archeological or Recreational Importance .

No Village is affected in the submergence and here is no displacement of people involved.

And a certificate ensuring compliance of the Scheduled Tribe and other Traditional Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights ) Act,2006 , issued by the collector as per Gol guidelines issued vide Lr. No. 11-9/98-FC(pt) dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 2013 ,has been produced . **But it is only a photocopy and the original copy is not produced.**

REC after verifying the records from the file and after discussions observed that .:

- Vide Lr. Dated 18/8/2015, the state Govt. was informed to instruct the Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned to inspect the area, record his observations and the same may be sent to Regional Office, Nagpur. But, the reply from the State Govt. is awaited.
- The REC further observed that the site inspection report of the DCF forms basis of the proposals at first scrutiny level and is therefore must ,and the State Govt. may be asked to instruct the DCF Roha to inspect the area proposed for diversion and then submit the report.

REC also observed the following discrepancies/deficiencies in the proposal:

The FRA certificate submitted is a photocopy. The State Govt. may be requested to submit either original certificate or an attested copy.

The State Govt. has mentioned the area as 5.708 ha Restored Forest land and 0.792 ha as Reserved Forest land whereas, the DCF has mentioned the area as 5.708 ha Restored forest land and 0.2401 ha WPF and 0.5510 ha as RF.

The density of the forest area is mentioned as 0.4 and it is mentioned that it is open forest.

REC desired that the State Govt. may be requested to clarify these points and then the proposal may be placed before the REC after receipt of the above information.

## **2. Name of the Proposal: Diversion of 24.ha of forest land for Ghonsa Open cast mine in Dist. Yavatmal.**

The case was presented by the user agency.

The committee noted that 24.00 ha of Forest area is involved and the legal status of the area proposed for diversion is Reserved Forest in Pandharkawada Forest Division of Yavatmal District of Maharashtra . It involves felling of 423 trees.

The area is not a part of any National Park, Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Elephant Corridor and is more than 10 km of the boundaries of Tipeswar Wildlife Sanctuary.

The project is not likely to affect any monument site of Cultural, Historical, Religious, Archeological or Recreational Importance.

No Village is affected in the submergence and here is no displacement of people involved.

And a certificate ensuring compliance of the Scheduled Tribe and other Traditional Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, issued by the collector as per Gol guidelines issued vide Lr. No. 11-9/98-FC(pt) dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 2013, has been produced. But it is only a photocopy.

After detailed discussions the REC observed that the State Govt. may be asked to submit the following information:

- FRA certificate original copy or attested copy.
- Enumeration list of trees.
- Total number of trees in the safety zone area.
- Various directions/ judgments of the courts with respect to the area proposed for diversion as the State Govt. has requested that the Govt. of India/State Advisory Group/ Forest Advisory Committee to take all the directions/ judgments of the courts into consideration while taking the decision in this matter.
- In the copy submitted to the Regional Office, In the Form II and the CA area report, it is mentioned that the CA is to be taken in the forest land in two patches, whereas, in the documents (Form II signed by the DCF) available with the User Agency, it is mentioned that the CA land is in single patch.

Therefore, the REC desired that the State Govt. may be asked to clarify the discrepancies and submit the report and the proposal may be placed before the REC after receipt of the above information.

  
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