

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
REGIONAL OFFICE, BHOPAL

Minutes of the REC meeting held in the office of the APCCF (C) on 31.08.2015

1. Rediversion of 0.14 ha (out of 51.00 ha) Protected forest land for laying of 400 KV Essar- Bhachau Transmission line in favour of Power Grid Corpn of India Ltd (New user).

The proposal was discussed in detail in the REC meeting held on 31/08/2015. This is a case of re-diversion of 0.14 ha of forest land in favour of Power Grid Corpn of India Ltd out of 51.00 ha currently held by NHAI. The NHAI while issuing NOC to Power Grid Corpn has stipulated some conditions which have to be complied with by the latter. No tree felling is involved in the proposal. All other basic requirements of the proposal have been met. Considering all this the REC approved the proposal for re-diversion of 0.14 ha of forest land.

2. Re-diversion of 0.7265 ha (out of 34.00 ha) Unclass & Section-4 forest land for grant of permission to lay 10" dia Water Pipeline to draw water from KRIBHCO TO AHPPL site at Village-Hazira in faovur of Chief Operating Officer, Adani Hazira Port Pvt Ltd (New User) (Already approved 34.00 ha Reserved Forest land for construction of bye-pass road in favour of Essar Steel Company Ltd in Surat District of Gujarat)

The proposal was discussed in detail in the REC meeting held on 31/08/2015. This is a case of re-diversion of 0.7265 ha of forest land in favour of Chief Operating Officer, Adani Hazira Port Pvt Ltd out of 34.00 ha currently held by M/s Essar Ltd. The M/s Essar has issued NOC in faovur of Adani Hazira Port Pvt Ltd. All other basic requirements of the proposal have been met. Considering all this the REC approved the proposal for re-diversion of 0.7265 ha of forest land in faovur of Adani Hazira Port Pvt Ltd.

3. Diversion of 18.672 ha RF, PF and Revenue of forest land for widening of Molibaya-Jholiyapur, Virpur road in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works Department in Sehore District of MP.

The proposal was discussed in detail in the REC meeting held on 31/08/2015. Since the project site is located within 10 kms of Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary, recommendation of the Chief Wildlife Warden, if any may be obtained and included in the final order of

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diversion of forest land. All other basis requirements of the proposal have been met. Therefore, REC decided to approve the proposal.

4. Renewal of 5.613 ha of forest lease for already constructed residential quarters by SECL in Anuppur District of Madhya Pradesh.

The proposal was discussed in detail in the REC meeting held on 31/08/2015. The State Govt of MP on 14/5/1980 approved advance mining work for extraction of Coal in 464.13 acres of land (including 36.789 ha of forest land) to Western Coal Fields Ltd. In November, 1984 the State government granted surface rights co-terminus with lease period over 5.613 ha forest land to regularize residential buildings constructed thereon during 1975-76. This issue was discussed in the SAG on 22.02.2012 and the State Govt was directed to submit the Site Inspection Report to know the current status of land involved. In the site inspection report submitted by State Govt it has been mentioned that out of 36.798 ha forest land residential buildings have been constructed in 5.613 ha and in the rest of the area of 31.185 ha no mining work has been done as this forest land was not transferred to the user agency. Since the lease was granted by the State Govt in 1980, before the enactment of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, the lease will expire in November, 2015 and needs to be renewed. The REC considered the issues involved in detail and decided to recommend the case for renewal of lease for 5.613 ha of forest land subject to usual terms and conditions.

5. Diversion of 23.516 ha RF, PF and Revenue forest land (14.646 ha RF, PF & 8.870 Chambal Sanctuary area) forest land for construction of Guna-Itawa Broad Gauge Railway line in Forest Circle- Atair & Village-Barhi in favour of Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction), North-Central Railway in MP.

The proposal was discussed in detail in the REC meeting held on 31.08.2015. Earlier the State government had submitted a proposal of diversion of 23.516 ha of forest land which included 14.646 ha RF/PF and 8.870 ha area falling in the Chambal Wildlife Sanctuary. However, CA was proposed on 15.332 ha non-forest land. MoEFCC granted in-principle approval for 23.516 ha and allowed CA on double extent of degraded forest land. In compliance thereto the state Government informed that CA should be allowed on 15.332 ha non-forest land as the land has already been transferred to the State Forest Department as the remaining area of 8.87 ha which falls in the wildlife sanctuary is non-forest land.

REC considered the points brought to its notice and decided to approve the proposal for raising CA in 15.332 ha against the diversion of 14.646 ha of forest land.



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6. Diversion of 5.6779 ha Protected Forest land of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of in Vadodara, Bháruçh, Surat, Ahmedabad, Nadiad, Anand, Mahesana, Banaskantha (Palanpur), Gandhinagar & Valsad Districts of Gujarat.

The proposal received in the Regional Office on 31.08.2015 was discussed in detail in the REC on-top priority basis in the meeting held on 31.08.2015. It is seen that the web site entry has not been done. FRA certificates were examined by the REC and it was found that four out of ten certificates are not in the prescribed formats and some certificates contain erroneous entries about the extent of forest land whereas no area is mentioned in some other certificates.


REC considered various aspects of the proposal and decided that in-principle approval may be issued as soon as the State Government takes necessary action to upload the proposal in the web portal of the MoEFCC. So far as FRA is concerned, certificates in prescribed formats and duly signed by the concerned District collectors should be submitted before the formal (Stage II) approval.


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