



FAC Recommends 912 ha in September 2018

The Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in its meeting on 20 September 2018 has recommended 912 ha of forest for diversion in 2 new proposals across the country. State-wise and sector-wise, the larger area is in Madhya Pradesh i.e. 844 ha for coal mining or 93 per cent of total diversion recommended. One new proposal has been declined.

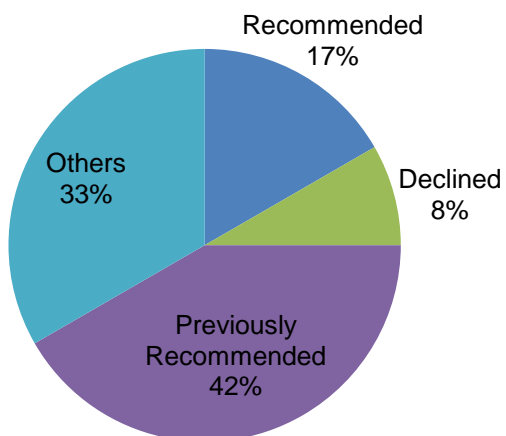
In all, FAC considered 12 proposals of which 5 were previously recommended, 2 were related to policy and 2 were renewal of lease.

Overview of Status of 12 Proposals Considered by FAC

No.	Item	Proposals
1	Recommended	2
2	Declined	1
3	Previously Recommended	5
4	Others ¹ (2 policy issues and 2 renewal of old mines)	4
	Total	12

¹ Clarification of Gramya Jungle Jogya, Renewal of Nighai Open Cast Mining, Renewal of Amlori Open Cast Mining, Identification of Land Bank for Compensatory Afforestation

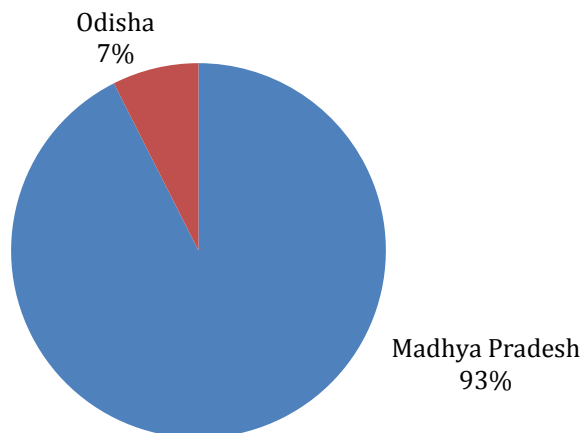
Overview of proposals considered



State-wise Recommended Area = 912 ha in 2 States

No.	State	Area	Area %	Proposals	Proposals %
1	Madhya Pradesh	843.76	92.54	1	50
2	Odisha	68.00	7.46	1	50
	Total	911.76	100.00	2	100

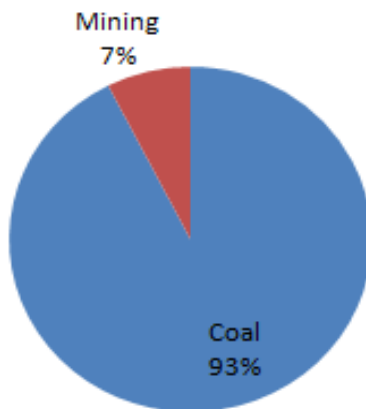
State-wise recommended area 912 ha



Sector-wise Recommended Area

No.	Sector	Area	Area %	Proposals	Proposals %
1	Coal	843.76	92.54	1	50
2	Non-Coal Mining	68.00	7.46	1	50
	Total	911.76	100.00	2	100

Sector wise recommended area = 912 ha.



Status of Considered Proposals

No.	Project	Sector	State	Area	Recommendation
1	Gonua Iron and Manganese Mines ²	Mining	Odisha	76.882	Previously Recommended
2	Gandhamardan Block A Iron Ore Mine ³	Mining	Odisha	401.7824	Previously Recommended
3	Unchabali Iron Ore Mines	Mining	Odisha	68	Recommended
4	Piperchhedhi Tank ⁴	Irrigation	Chhattisgarh	174.51	Previously Recommended
5	International Standard Zoo ⁵	Others	Maharashtra	564	Previously Recommended
6	Clarification of Gramya Jungle Jogya	Policy matter	-	-	Discussion
7	Adani Port and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) ⁶	Infrastructure	Gujarat	1576.81	Previously Recommended
8	Amelia Coal Block ⁷	Coal	Madhya Pradesh	843.76	Recommended
9	Renewal of Nighai Open Cast Mining	Coal	Madhya Pradesh	874.146	Renewal Recommended
10	Renewal of Amlori Open Cast Mining	Coal	Madhya Pradesh	1195	Renewal Recommended
11	Loharu Govt. College	Others	Haryana	2.84	Declined
12	Identification of Land Bank for Compensatory Afforestation	Policy	-	-	Discussion

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² Old Mine. Post Facto Forest Clearance was granted earlier under FC guidelines.

³ Old Mine. 117 ha was granted in principle approval and the rest was to be granted formal approval after Forest Department takes possession of the same.

⁴ Previously recommended by FAC 20.07.2017. The proposal appears for some verification and advice.

⁵ The project was granted FC Stage II on 27.06.2017. This can for consideration of FAC only to get approval for realignment of the area.

⁶ Recommended previously. FAC considered the proposal for modification in conditions.

⁷ Amelia coal block was recommended previously. Earlier FC was cancelled. FAC recommended granting in-principle approval for diversion of 843.76 ha forestland after exclusion of 411.5 ha of notified forest from the proposed main block to act as an ecological buffer. Considered as a fresh proposal since the previous FC was cancelled and lesser area has been recommended presently by FAC.