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Proposal for diversion of 12.14 ha of forest land for thermal power project developed by the Torrent Power Ltd in district HarDOI.

The proposal was discussed in SAG on 08.02.2012. The State Government of U.P. has forwarded the proposal for diversion of 12.14 ha of forest land for thermal power project being developed by Torrent Power Ltd. The break up of forest land involved is 6.314 ha PF, 5.277 ha RF (section 4) and 0.549 PF for management purpose (PWD land). The total requirement for this project is 340 ha which is being acquired from different sources the break up of which is 280 ha private land ^{acquired} purchased from farmers 36 ha from UPSIC and 12 ha from Gram Samaj. The Forest land is required is in two patches which is in the periphery of the proposed 340 ha land. It was informed that most of the these land would be used for green belt. It was informed by the user agency that about 25% of the total area shall be developed as green belt. The total tree felling involved is 12040 which predominantly Prosopis. The total project cost is 8400 Crores for generation of 1320 MW of power 90% of which will be supplied to UPPCL. Therefore the U.P. Government and UPPCL have given the consent for the project. CA proposed in equivalent non forest land for which the suitability certificate will be given by the DFO. Other information are furnished and found complete the SAG after deliberation recommends the proposal for approval subject to the conditions:

That besides normal provision under FC Act the user agency shall provide fund for development of nursery to raise clonal plant which would be developed and managed by the forest department preferably by research wing.

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Proposal for diversion of 35.37 ha of forest land for widening of NH-2 to 6 laning involving 2.54 ha in Varanasi 32.83 ha in district Chandoli.

The proposal was discussed in SAG on 08.02.2012. Initially two different proposals of Varanasi and Chandoli district was submitted which was combined to form a consolidated proposal involving diversion of 35.37 ha in which 1859 trees are involved for felling. Proposed land is protected forest which have been declared as PF for management purpose and the ownership of land is with NHAI. The NH-2 which is also known as Grant Trunk Road was widen in 2001 after having approval of GOI under FC Act. It was informed that the conditions stipulated by GOI have been complied by the user agency. The compliance report is not submitted so far. The SAG wants that the compliance report should be submitted before the proposal is being forwarded to MOEF. The proposed work is being taken up by PIU division of Varanasi of NHAI. This division is taking up the work in two district in UP i.e. Varanasi and Chandoli for which the proposal is submitted after Varanasi the work is being taken up by another division of NHAI and the portion beyond Chandoli falls under the State of Bihar which dealt separately. The area under reference is not a part of any sanctuary or national park. No violation of FC Act is reported. SAG after deliberation recommends the proposal for approval subject to the following conditions:

1. Both the sides of the road as well as the median shall be planted at least two rows on both the sides with the suitable species.
2. The NHAI will also provide fund for central nurseries in Varanasi and Chandoli Forest division for raising seedling for plantation.
3. NPV and cost of planting double the number of trees involved shall be paid by user agency as per the guidelines.

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Proposal for diversion of 34.24 ha of reserved forest for laying of 765 KV T/L – Anpara –D – Jhusi.

The proposal was discussed in SAG on 08.02.2012. It was observed that the transmission lines also involves forest of Sonebhadra, Mirzapur districts involving 5 forest divisions. Also a portion of Kaimur wildlife sanctuary is also involved in the proposed transmission line. As per FCA guidelines, piecemeal proposals are not been considered for diversion of forest land. It is therefore suggested that a consolidated proposal for the entire stretch of transmission line from Renukoot to Unnao should be prepared. The user agency should ensure that all kind of forest land which includes the T/L crossing roads, railway line, canal, which have been declared as PF should also be included in the proposal. Also the compensatory afforestation should be provided in non forest area instead of forest land. The proposal is not considered and shall be considered only after having combined proposal involving the other district.

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Proposal for diversion of 9.9 ha of RF for laying 765 KV Rihand Vidhyanchal Pooling Station DC T/L in district Sonebhadra.

The proposal was discussed in SAG on 08.02.2012. It involves 9.9 ha of RF besides 7.2 ha of non forest land. Initially the proposal was conceived for diversion of 16.69 ha which was reduced to 9.9 ha. The T/L starts from Rihand Beegpur in district Sonebhadra and from there it goes to MP, therefore no other forest land of any other district is involved in the proposed T/L. 280 trees are involved which are miscellaneous species. Area is not part of wildlife sanctuary or national park. CA shall be taken up in non forest land for which land will be provided by the user agency. If it is not possible in the same district it could be provided in the ~~neighbouring~~ neighbouring districts. Other information are furnished in the proposal. SAG after deliberation recommends the proposal for approval.

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Proposal for diversion of 36.27 ha of forest land for widening of State Highway 37 from Km. 3.5 to Km. 56 in Bareilly Almora Road in district Bareilly.

The proposal was discussed in SAG on 08.02.2012. The proposal involves diversion of 36.72 ha of forest land which has been declared as PF for management purpose and which is under the control of PWD / UPSHA. The total length of the road is 54 Km and right of way is 30 M which includes existing road having width 7 meters. The total trees involved is 5448 which the user agency agree to plant on degraded forest land for which the land will be made available by the forest department at the cost of user agency. The user agency will also take up plantation on both the sides of the road in two -three rows alongwith the median plantation. The area is not part of wildlife sanctuary or national park and no work has been taken so far. The SAG recommends the proposal for approval on usual conditions including that the user agency should provide fund for raising nursery for clonal plants to be developed by the forest department preferably by research wing.

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