



## **FAC recommends diversion of 2060 ha of forest in December 2018**

The Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in its meeting on 19 December 2018 considered 10 proposals involving 3036.1584 ha of forest area. The Committee has recommended 2060.532 ha of forest for diversion for 6 proposals. FAC deferred 3 proposals. For Parsa Coal Mine in Surajpur, Chhattisgarh, FAC formed a 3-member committee which included APCCF regional office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur, Nodal Officer (FCA), Govt of Chhattisgarh and a Member of FAC for site visit and submit report to FAC. For Amgaon coal mine, Chhattisgarh too, FAC ordered a site inspection report. Proposal of AIIMS at Kothipura, Himachal Pradesh is deferred till forest area is demarcated in the KML file properly and use of such huge area for the project is justified.

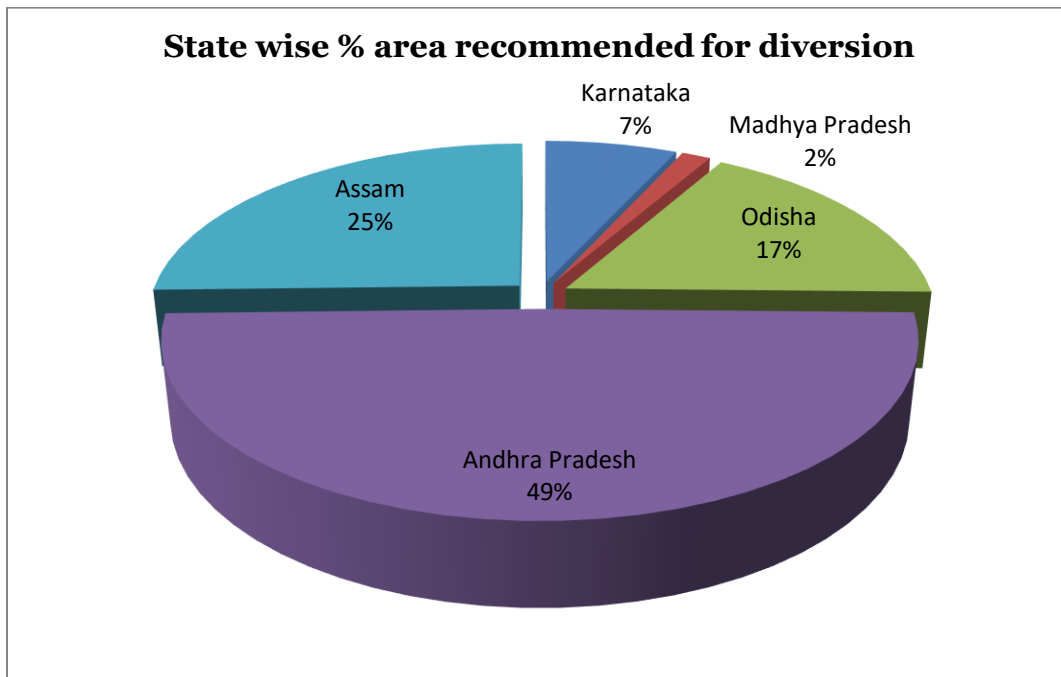
A proposal of sand mining by mechanical handling for construction of link canal from Tanakpur Dam between India-Nepal border has been declined as in the Ministry's letter dated 11.02.2013 for collection of minor minerals in the river bed of Sharda River in Champawat district Uttarakhand, it was mentioned that certain conditions would prevail namely "Minor mineral shall be collected manually by using hand tools. Use of explosive and heavy machineries for breaking collection of minor mineral shall be strictly prohibited".

### **Overview of status of 10 proposals considered**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Proposals</b>
1	Recommended	6
2	Deferred	3
3	Declined	1
-	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

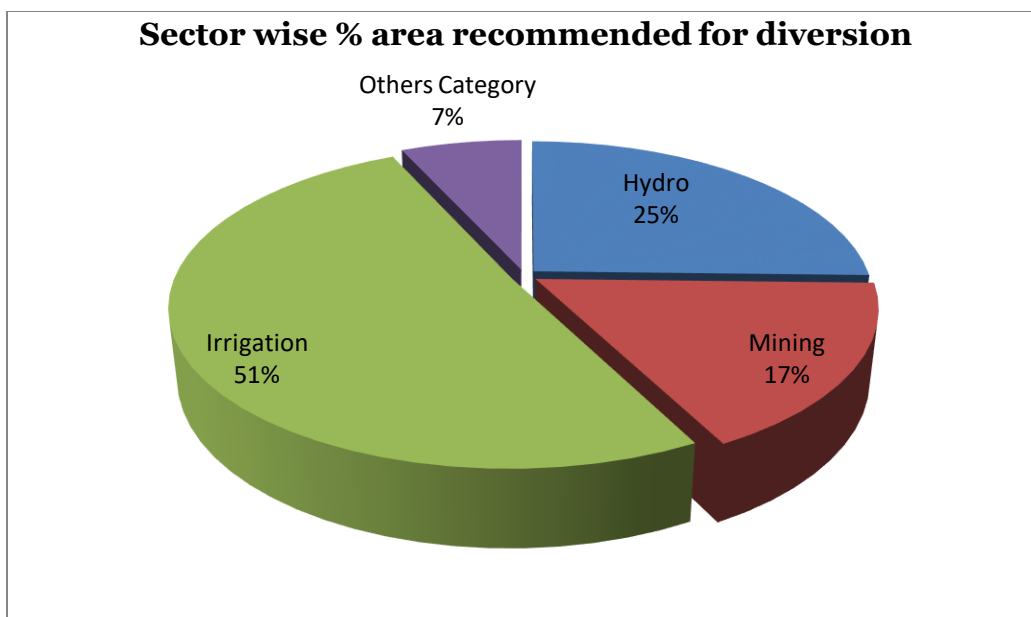
### State-wise Area & Proposals Recommended for Diversion

No.	State	Area	Area%	Proposals	Proposals %
1	Karnataka	140.917	6.838	1	16.66
2	Madhya Pradesh	30.760	1.492	1	16.66
3	Odisha	349.809	16.976	2	33.33
4	Andhra Pradesh	1016	49.307	1	16.66
5	Assam	523.046	25.384	1	16.66
-	<b>Total</b>	<b>2060.532</b>		<b>6</b>	



### Sector-wise Area & Projects Recommended for Diversion

Sr. No.	Sector	Area	Area%	Projects	Projects %
1	Hydro	523.046	25.384	1	16.66
2	Mining	349.809	16.976	2	33.33
3	Irrigation	1046.76	50.800	2	33.33
4	Others Category	140.917	6.838	1	16.66
-	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2060.532</b>		<b>6</b>	



### FAC December 2018 – Status of Proposals Considered

<b>Project</b>	<b>Area(ha)</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Khandbandh Iron Ore Mine, (Keonjhar District)	345.189	Odisha	Recommended	
Roida-C Iron and Manganese Mining, (Keonjhar District)	4.62	Odisha	Recommended	
AIIMS Kothipura, (Bilaspur)	40.5084	Himachal Pradesh	Deferred	Till certain information like 1)forest area be demarcated in KML file 2)justification for use of such a huge area for project
Zoological Park, Kamalapura	140.917	Karnataka	Recommended	
Parsa Open Cast Mine, (Surguja and Surajpur Districts)	841.538	Chhattisgarh	Deferred	FAC formed a sub-committee to do site inspection and submit the report to FAC for consideration.
Lower Kopili Hydro Electric Project	523.046	Assam	Recommended	
Nirandpur Tank , Sagar District	30.760	Madhya Pradesh	Recommended	Order of abeyance be withdrawn and the

				in-principle approval issued be modified/revoked
Canals under SOMASILA Project , Nellore	1016	Andhra Pradesh	Recommended	
Sand Mining for construction of Link Canal		Indo-Nepal Border	Declined	
Amgaon OC Mine , SECL, Surajpur, Chhattisgarh	93.58	Chhattisgarh	Deferred	Do site inspection and submit the report to the Ministry to be placed before FAC.

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