

vegetation with tree cover and no land will be available for compensatory afforestation. Consequently, The SC order 19 needs a review with respect to compensatory afforestation in ANI which is starved of land outside 87% of forest area.

With respect to Shekhar Singh's recommendation for the three projects (details are given below), for which the MoEF has given the clearance but it was revoked by the Review Committee constituted as per SC order, and the Committee requested the user agency to submit impact assessment reports.

S.No.	Name of the Projects	Name of the Agency	Ministry's approval letter No. and date
1.	Diversion of 32.5 ha of forest land for construction of Korang Nallah Minor Irrigation Scheme of Middle Andaman	CE, APWD	8-494/89-FC/4459-S-I dated 28.11.2001
2.	Diversion of 95.00 ha of forest land for construction of Prem Bahadur Nallah Minor Irrigation Scheme at Great Nicobar	CE, APWD	8-109/91/FC/4687-S-I dated 19.12.2001
3.	Diversion of 43.40 ha of forest land for construction of Swatooop Nallah Minor Irrigation Schemen in Great Nicobar	CE, APWD	8-15/92-FC/4459-S-I dated 28.11.2001

The ANI Administration provided the following information on the above mentioned projects (Annexure 28).

*"The above projects were reviewed and revoked on 25.6.2002 by the Review Committee constituted in compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 7.5.2002 in IA No. 502 of WPC NO. 202 of 1995 vide MoEF's order No. 7-35/2002-FC dated 14.6.2002. The Committee had further directed this Department to furnish the EIA and Cost Benefit Analysis Report in respect of the projects for taking final view in the matter.*