

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 2nd March, 2021

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh, Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mahanadi Bhavan,
New Raipur (CG).

Sub: Proposal seeking prior approval of Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 93.58 ha of Revenue Forest Land in favour of M/s South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) for Amgaon Opencast Coal Mining Project District Surajpur (Chhattisgarh); stipulation of additional conditions - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. F-21/2018/10-2 dated 12.11.2020 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government to stipulate additional conditions in the Stage-II approval dated 7.08.2020 and to say that proposal was examined by the Forest Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 27.01.2021. A copy of minutes of the meeting of the FAC may kindly be accessed at <https://parivesh.nic.in/>.

In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the recommendations of the Forest Advisory Committee, and approval of the same by the competent authority of the MoEF&CC, New Delhi, the Central Government hereby stipulates following additional conditions in the Stage-II approval dated 7.08.2020 granted by the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 93.58 ha of Revenue forest land in Amgaon OC Mine in favour of SECL in District Surajpur, Chhattisgarh:

- i. "Wildlife Management Plan (WLMP), approved by the PCCF (Wildlife) vide his letter dated 25.10.2017, shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the project cost and differential cost of the provisions of the WLMP to be implemented shall be deposited by the User Agency, as per the existing cost";
- ii. The condition related to requirement of vehicle shall be complied by the State Government from its regular budget head; and
- iii. The User Agency shall comply with the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on re-grassing, and re-grass the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc.in a timely manner.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Sandeep Sharma)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. The Addl. Director General (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.
3. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o of the PCCF, Aranya Bhawan, New Raipur.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard file