

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

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**Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,**  
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New Delhi - 110003.  
**Dated: 27th July, 2022**

**To**

**1. The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal.

**2. The Regional Officer (Central),**  
Integrated Regional Office,  
MoEF&CC, Bhopal.

**Subject: Diversion of 151.095 ha forest land including 142.075 ha forest land in Forest Compartment No. RF-827 & RF-828 of Burhar Range of South Shahdol Forest Division and 9.020 ha Revenue forest land under various Khasra's for Bikram Coal Block Open cast & underground Coal Mining Project in favour of M/s Birla Corporation Limited under Shahdol District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/49537/2020) – regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Principal Chief conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/829/2021/10-11/2439 dated 12.07.2022 forwarding the additional information required for change of Compensatory Afforestation area (Non Forest land - 36.430 ha) at Village Dighawani, District Chhindwara. In this regard it has been observed that:

- i. The State Govt. was requested to verify that the proposed CA site is not part of any other Project/Mine. However it has been informed that no such information is available in the concerned forest division regarding the proposed non-forest land. In this regard, the State Govt. is again requested to verify whether the proposed CA land is part of any other mining project or not.
- ii. Since CA is an important component to mitigate the impact of diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes. Therefore the State Govt. is requested to ensure and the proposed CA area is free from all encumbrances and is in conformity with the provisions laid down in Ministry's guidelines issued from time to time and those issued vide letter no. 11-423/2011-FC dated 13.07.2021 (**Copy enclosed**).
- iii. The Regional Officer, IRO Bhopal is requested to inspect the proposed CA area and ensure that the same is free from encumbrances and suitable as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry.

2. It is therefore requested that the information as indicated above may be submitted for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

**Encl: As Above**

**Sd/-**

**(Suneet Bhardwaj )**

Asst. Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Nodal Officer, FCA, Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
3. User Agency;
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading on PARIVESH portal.

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Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

To

The Addl. Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries (Forests),  
All States/ Union Territory Administrations.

**Sub: Suitability of land identified for raising compensatory afforestation  
– reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to above mentioned subject and to inform that the issue related to suitability of land identified for raising compensatory afforestation was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) on 13.06.2022. The minutes of the aforesaid meeting can be accessed at [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in).

Based on the recommendations of the FAC and the approval by the competent authority of the MoEF&CC, New Delhi, I am directed to convey the following:

- i. The authorities in the State should ensure that land proposed for raising CA in lieu of proposed diversion of forestland is of good quality which is able to generate and compensate the Ecosystem Goods and Services (EG&S) lost from non-forestry use and, as far as permissible, such lands should be selected in close proximity of the area being diverted or the existing forest areas to ease their management by the Forest Department and ensure their protection from likely encroachment in future.
- ii. Potential areas which can generate and compensate the EG&S foregone from the non-forestry use of forest land to the maximum extent possible should be identified and offered for raising CA.
- iii. Concerned Integrated Regional Office of the Ministry shall certify the suitability of land offered for CA in lieu of forest land proposed for diversion in terms of its vicinity to the area being proposed for diversion and/or contiguity with the existing forest area and will ensure that manageability of such CA land has been taken care of for future.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority of the Ministry.

Yours faithfully

Digitally Signed by Charan  
Jeet Singh  
Date: 13-07-2022 17:42:51  
Reason: Approved

Sd/-  
**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
Scientist 'D'

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2. The Regional Officer, All Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, All States/ Union Territories Administration.
4. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
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