

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

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**Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Department of Forest and Environment,  
Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal.

**Subject: Proposal for diversion of 354.258 ha. of forest land/revenue forest land (314.743 ha. of forest land + 39.515 ha. of revenue forest land = 354.258 ha. forest land) for Jhiria West Opencast Coal Mining in favour of M/s. South Eastern Coal Fields Limited, Anuppur District State of Madhya Pradesh (Online Proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/39881/2019) - reg.**

**Madam/Sir,**

I am directed to refer to the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter no. FP/MP/MIN/39881/2019/2571 dated 17th August, 2020 on the above-mentioned seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to request that after examination of the said proposal the Ministry has observed the following:

- i. The NOC from other land owning agencies other than State Forest Department shall be submitted.
- ii.
  - A. Proposal has been submitted for 354.258 ha whereas as per the State Government recommendation, in Part-V, proposed diversion is for 347.115 ha but the kml file submitted with the proposal is of 354.512 ha. Hence a revised kml file shall be submitted duly accounting for those forest areas which are not recommended by the State Government for diversion.
  - B. As per Site Inspection Report of CCF remaining 7.143 ha forest land which State Government has not recommended may be considered for 'Mining Safety Zone'. Whether this proposition is acceptable to the user agency. If agreeable, changed land use plan need submission.
- iii. As per DSS analysis (copy enclosed), Compensatory Afforestation sites (16 patches of degraded forest land) have issues and are not free from encumbrances. Hence revised CA land free from all encumbrances with site suitability certificate from the concerned DFO shall be submitted.

- iv. Detail Compensatory Afforestation Scheme has not been submitted by the State Govt./User Agency.
- v. Regarding R&R plan, the State Government has submitted a booklet named "Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy of Coal India Ltd." instead of site specific R&R plan. Site specific R&R plan need submission.

In view of the above, the State Government may submit the above requisite information for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

**Encl:AA**

Sd/-

**(Brijendra Swaroop)**

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF& (HoFF) Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The DDG (Central), Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.