

F. No. 8-85/2012 - FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
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New Delhi - 110003.
Dated: 16th July, 2015

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of West Bengal,
Kolkata.

Sub: Transfer of lease in respect of diversion of 101.83 ha of forest land for diversion of 101.83 ha of forest land for Gangaramchak-Bhadulia block open-cast coal mines under Birbhum Forest Division in the State of West Bengal – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Coal's letter no. 13016/38/2015-CA-II dated 16.04.2015 on the above subject requesting this Ministry's to transfer its approval granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of forest land for Gangaramchak-Bhadulia block open-cast coal mines under Birbhum Forest Division in the State of West Bengal from the original user i.e. M/s Bengal-Emta Coal Mines Ltd. in whose favour diversion proposal was submitted by the State Government to new user agency i.e. M/s West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd. in whose favour the coal block was auctioned/re-allotted by the Ministry of Coal, in accordance with para 2.8 of the Guidelines issued under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 read with the Guidelines dated 3.05.2010, 3.05.2013 and latest Guidelines dated 31.03.2015.

In this connection, it is inform that in the extant case Stage-I approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has not been accorded by the Ministry so far. In such cases, the MoEF&CC has issued Guidelines dated 9.06.2015 conveying the general approval of the Central Government, inter-alia stating that cases where Stage-I approval yet to be granted by the Ministry, will be processed as if they have been submitted by the respective new allocatee selected or to be selected by the Central Government.


In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to take appropriate action in the matter in accordance with the procedure stipulated in the Guidelines dated 9.06.2015.

Yours faithfully,


(B. K. Singh)
Director (FC)

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservation of Forests, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
3. Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office (Eastern Zone), Bhubaneswar.
4. Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Government West Bengal, Kolkata
5. User Agencies;
 - a) M/s Bengal-Emta Coal Mines Ltd.
 - b) M/s West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Diviosn, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
7. Guard File.


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