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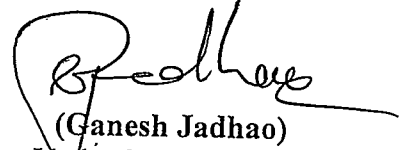
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PART - V

(To be filled up by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

**1. Recommendation of the
State Government**

The proposal is recommended
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No.FLD-3223/C.R.179/F-10
Dated: 02.08.2023



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To,
The Secretary,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
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Diversion of 146.996 ha. forest land for Integrated Coal Mining including post mine reclamation in Marki-Mangli II coal block in Yavatmal District.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur has submitted proposal for Diversion of 146.996 ha. forest land for Integrated Coal Mining including post mine reclamation in Marki-Mangli II coal block in Yavatmal District. The details of forest land proposed for diversion are as under: -

Sr. No.	Item work purpose	Taluka & District	Village	Gut No.	Compt. No.	Area (in ha.)	Legal Status
1	Diversion of 146.996 ha.	Tal. Zari Jamni,	Pardi	12	20A, 20B, 19	119.078	Reserved Forest
2	Forest Land for Integrated Coal Mining including post mine reclamation	Dist. Yavatmal	Sawali	9	--	7.930	
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3				Ruikot	1 Part	--	
Total Forest Area (in ha.)						146.996	

2. The proposal has been initiated by the Authorized Signatory, Ashok Kumar Pani, Vice President, Yazdani International Private Limited for diversion of 146.996 ha. forest land for Integrated Coal Mining including post mine reclamation in Marki-Mangali II coal block in Yavatmal District in the State of Maharashtra. The proposed Marki Mangli (II), coal block in village Ruikot, Pardi, Savli and Mukutban in Zari Jamni Taluka of Yavatmal District in the State of Maharashtra has been vested in favor of M/s. Yazdani International Private Limited by Government of India under section 8 of Coal Mine

(Special Provision) Act, 2015. Out of 339.467 ha., total lease area of the block 146.996 ha. is forest land, 192.471 ha. non forest land. The block has estimated proved geological reserve of coal for the mining is 11.54 MT as per block summary and final reserve to be mined is 9.58 Million Tonne. The forest area falls under Ruikot forest area having some patches of C class forest and Reserve Forest some of which is in possession of Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra (FDCM). The said forest land is unavoidable as it forms inseparable land parcel within the lease area and need to be acquired for mining after following due process under FCA, 1980. Being a site specific project there is no alternative other than excavation of coal reserve where it is available.

3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pandharkawada has certified that:-

- The total non-forest land involved in this project is 192.471 ha.
- No alternate alignment is possible and the forest land required is barest minimum.
- The area belongs to Eco-value class-III having density below 0.4 to 0.6
- Number of trees to be felled in the implementation of this project is 1,13,425
- The area involved in this project is not part of National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary, etc.
- Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archaeological or recreational importance.
- There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
- The project is within 10 Kms of nearest Wildlife Sanctuary/National Park.

4. The User Agency has submitted undertakings:-

- 4.1 to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation.
- 4.2 to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion.
- 4.3 to submit the compliance under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006.

Part-A

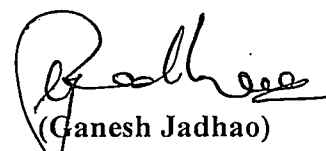
5. As per information provided by the APCCF & Nodal Officer, Chief Conservator of Forests, Deputy Conservator of Forests facts are as under:-

- The project location does not fall in National Park /Wildlife Sanctuary/ESZ.
- Area involved in this project have Schedule-1 species as well as many other Wildlife.
- This location is covered under Approved Tiger Conservation Plan of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve. Therefore prior permission / Wildlife Clearance from the National Board for Wildlife is needed under Section 38 (0) 1 (g) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- User Agency has submitted a proposal for Wildlife Clearance.
- **CCF has suggested following mitigation measures :-**
 - No Mining/ No blasting/ No transport allowed from 6 pm to 6 am.
 - Mining lease boundary in corridor section fenced with 6-8 feet chain link fencing to avoid incident of trapping of Wildlife.

- 7.5 safety zone around lease boundary within lease area will be developed as green belt for safety of the wildlife from dust/noise and vibrations. Plantation of additional plants of native species should be resorted to.
- Separate nursery of saplings of native flora should be created for plantation of the area on vacant spaces.
- Control Blasting with minimum duration during day time with keeping record for inspection for the forest staff.
- Water sprinkling during mining/ haul roads and approach road.
- Strict compliance of mitigation measures suggested in Mine Closure Plans, Wildlife Mitigation Plan project and conditions of Environment Clearance and NBWL.

Part-B

6. As the proposed area is part of Tiger / Wildlife Corridor as per the Tiger Conservation Plan of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve, User Agency will have to obtain Wildlife Clearance under Section 38 (0) 1 (g) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
7. User Agency will handover 148.4123 ha. non-forest land at village Ratambi, Taluka Sangameshwar, Dist. Ratnagiri, to the Forest Department. There is a tree cover on non-forest land and within ESZ of Sahyadri Tiger Reserve. Hence, this non-forest land can be mutated in favour of the State Forest Department and **Actual Compensatory Afforestation can be taken up over nearest possible degraded forest land from the proposed area for diversion.**
8. In the circumstances explained in aforesaid paragraphs and enclosures, the State Government recommends that the said forest land may be allowed to be diverted subject to conditions proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HOFF) and Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer, Nagpur as well as following additional conditions:-
 - a) *User Agency shall obtain all necessary statutory clearances.*
 - b) *User Agency shall obtain Wildlife Clearance prior to commencement of work.*
 - c) User Agency shall mutate the 148.4123 ha. non-forest land at village Ratambi, Taluka Sangameshwar, Dist. Ratnagiri, in favour of the State Forest Department. **Actual Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up over nearest possible degraded forest land from the proposed area for diversion. Details of such degraded forest land shall be submitted before final approval.**
9. The matter may kindly be placed before the Government of India for its approval under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, be obtained and communicated to this Government.


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Encl: A) Set of case papers

B) The following documents are enclosed:-

1. Prescribed form as per Rules.
2. Certificate regarding minimum demand for forest land for the project
3. Commitment from the Applicant for defraying the cost of compensatory Afforestation & Net Present Value of the Forest land
4. Brief note of the project from the project authority
5. Maps
6. Site Inspection Report
7. Certificate in Part V.

Copy to:

1. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O. (Maha-CAMPA), Nagpur.
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State Nagpur with reference to his letter No.Desk-17/Nodal/Yavatmal/ID-13700/294/2023-24, Dt.26.04.2023.
4. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Yavatmal.
5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pandharkawada.
6. M/s. Yazdani International Pvt. Ltd.
7. Select File.