



महाराष्ट्र शासन
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विभागीय वन अधिकारी, चंद्रपूर वनविभाग, चंद्रपूर यांचे कार्यालय
रामबाग फॉरेस्ट कॉलनी, मुल रोड, चंद्रपूर - 442401 (म.रा.)

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क्रमांक :- कक्ष-14/सर्व्हे/जमीन/ 04

दिनांक :- 01-04-2025

प्रति,

Area General Manager,
WCL, Chandrapur Area,
Po. Babupeth, Tal. & Distt. Chandrapur.

विषय :- Proposal for Seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.20 ha. Zudpi Jungle forest land for opencast mining for Bhatadi Expansion Mine Project in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited, District Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/MIN/17443/2016)-regarding.

- संदर्भ :-**
- केंद्र शासनाचे पत्र क्रमांक FC-I/MH-341/2023-NGP, दिनांक 14/01/2025.
 - Dy. Conservator of Forests (FC), Nagpur vide letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/CH/PID-17443/2284/24-25, dated 15/01/2025.
 - मुख्य वनसंरक्षक, चंद्रपूर वनवृत्त, चंद्रपूर यांचे पत्र क्र. कक्ष-3(1)/जमीन/2024-25/325/3718, दिनांक 13/02/2025.

केंद्र शासनाचे संदर्भिय पत्र क्रमांक 1 अन्वये विषयांकीत प्रस्तावास काही अटी व शर्तीचे अधीन राहून तत्वतः मान्यता (Stage-I) प्रदान करण्यांत आलेली आहे. तेव्हा घालून दिलेल्या अटींचा अटी पूर्तता अहवाल आवश्यक दस्तावेज व हमीपत्रासह 5 प्रतीत तात्काळ या कार्यालयास सादर करण्यांत यावे. तसेच सोबत जोडलेल्या Compensatory Levies मध्ये दर्शविण्यांत आलेल्या रक्कमेचा भरणा CAMPA मध्ये करण्यांत यावा व रक्कम भरणा केल्याबाबतची पावती 5 प्रतीत पूर्तता अहवालासह या कार्यालयास सादर करण्यांत यावे.

सहपत्र :- वरीलप्रमाणे.


(प्रशांत खाडे)
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CHANDRAPUR DIVISION, CHANDRAPUR**

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No.:- Desk-14/Survey/Land/ 05

Dated :- 01-04-2025

✓ To,

Area General Manager,
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Po. Babupeth,
Tal. & Distt. Chandrapur.

Sub.:- Proposal for Seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.20 ha. Zudpi Jungle forest land for opencast mining for Bhatadi Expansion Mine Project in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited, District Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/MIN/17443/2016)-regarding.

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2. Dy. Conservator of Forests (FC), Nagpur vide letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/CH/PID-17443/2284/24-25, dated 15/01/2025.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Chandrapur Circle, Chandrapur vide letter No. Desk-3(1)/Land/2024-25/325/3718, dated 13/02/2025.

As per the reference cited above, Area General Manager, WCL, Chandrapur Area is requested to pay the item-wise amount of compensatory levies as per the following details.

Compensatory Levies

Sr. No.	Item	Condition No. as Mentioned in-principle approval	Prevailing Rate (Rs.) (If applicable)	Forest Land (ha.) (wherever Applicable)	Amount Payable by the User Agency
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Cost towards Compensatory Afforestation (As per Model -----)	-	-	-	-
2.	Cost towards Addl. Compensatory Afforestation (As per Model -----)	-	-	-	-

3.	Cost towards Penal Afforestation (As per Model V)	-	-	-	-
4.	Cost towards the NPV (Specify the Eco-Value Class of Forest to be diverted)	Condition No. iv (Eco- Value Class-III)	9,57,780/-	0.20 Ha.	1,91,556/-
5.	Cost towards Catchment Area Treatment Plan	-	-	-	-
6.	Cost towards Wildlife Mitigation Measure	-	-	-	-
7.	Cost towards felling of trees	-	-	-	-
8.	Violation Penalty	-	-	-	-
9.	Safety Zone Green Belt	Condition No. Xi (c)	-	11.00 Ha.	1,43,49,666/-
Total :-					1,45,41,222/-

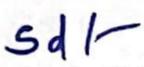
Above amount is to be deposited in Ad-hoc CAMPA through online Parivesh Portal generated e-challan.


(Prashant Khade)
Divisional Forest Officer,
Chandrapur Forest Division,
Chandrapur

Copy to,

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur for information.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Chandrapur Circle, Chandrapur for information.


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Sub:

Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (N) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.20 Zudpi Jungle forest land for opencast mining for Bhatadi Expansion Mine Project in favour of M/s. Western Coalfield Limited, District Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra (Online No. FP/MH/MIN/17443/2016)- regarding.

Ref: The Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change Order No. FC-1/MH-341/2023-NGP , dtd. 14.01.2025.

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change has accorded "In-principle/Stage-I" approval for diversion of 0.20 ha. Zudpi Jungle forest land for opencast mining for Bhatadi Expansion Mine Project, in favour of M/s. Western Coalfield Limited District Chandrapur, Maharashtra. Subject to fulfillment of conditions mentioned in the approval order cited under reference. You are directed to submit the compliance report in English for the same through proper channel for final approval at the earliest.

Encl: As above.

(Ginni Singh)

Dy. Conservator of Forests (FC)
Nagpur

To,

The Area General Manager,
Chandrapur Area WCL,
Chandrapur- 442304

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action:

- 1 The Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur for information.
- 2 The Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Division, Chandrapur, for information.

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प्रतिनिधि

विभागीय वन अधिकारी, चंद्रपूर वनविभाग, चंद्रपूर कक्षा माहितीस व आवश्यक कार्यासाठी अर्जित. यांनी केंद्रासकरी पत्रात दिलेला अर्जित इतना करून सदर अर्जाचा कार्यालय तात्काद सादर करावा.

(पी. सी. चौधरी)
प्रशासकीय अधिकारी (क)

- i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. *The state shall initiate the action for the correction of digital boundaries of 4.86 ha area (which is PF as per DSS analysis) and provide the correct details to Forest Survey of India for appropriate correction on the DSS portal;*
- iii. *The safety zone with effective green belt shall be maintained by the User Agency along the inner boundary of the lease area;*
- ✓ iv. The User Agency shall transfer the funds towards the cost of Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal in accordance with the MoEF&CC's guidelines dated 6.01.2022 read with guidelines dated 19.01.2022;
- v. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- vi. The State Government shall upload the KML files of the area under diversion in the E-green watch portal of FSI, before handing over forest land to the user agency;
- vii. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance;
- viii. The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined out area. The User Agency shall prepare a detailed plan for life of project as per mining plan, clearly linking the progress of mining and felling of the trees. Felling of trees shall be done, when it is absolutely necessary in phase-wise manner in the areas which become due for mining as per mining plan. The concurrent Reclamation Plan as per the approved Mining Plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation

with the approved Plan/scheme;

- c. Construction of check dams, retention /toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour in accordance with the approved Plan/Scheme;
 - d. Stabilize the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching, in accordance with the approved scheme, so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28°; and
 - e. No damage shall be caused to the top-soil and the user agency will follow the top soil management plan.
- xiii. The validity of approval granted under the Adhiniyam shall be for a period coterminus with the validity of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, as amended from time to time or Rules framed there under, or for such period as may be specified by the Central Government;
- xiv. The User Agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40), if any, located within the periphery of 100 m from outer perimeter of the mining lease as per approved plan for plantation and SMC activities submitted along with compliance of 'in-principle' approval;
- xv. The User Agency shall regularly undertake desilting of village tanks and other water bodies, located within five km from the mine lease boundary, as per approved plan, to mitigate the impact of project on such tanks/water bodies;
- xvi. 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;
- xvii. Adequate care shall be taken to check any rolling of overburden/dumps beyond the designated area and to check soil erosion caused due to mining activities;
- xviii. The User agency will undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department. A scheme of the same shall be submitted to the Regional Office along with the 'in-principle' approval;
- xix. The R&R Plan shall be implemented as per the R&R Policy of State

xxix. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;

xxx. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of consolidated guidelines and clarifications issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry on dated 29.12.2023;

xxxi. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

After receipt of compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be affected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Signed by

Yours sincerely,

Dheeraj Mittal

Date: 14-01-2025 10:43:37

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.