

ATTN: WL

Status of the proposal submitted for obtaining recommendation of NBWL as the location of mine falls in approved Tiger Conservation Plan of TATR

Proposal for wild life clearance under section 38(O)(g) has been recommended for obtaining recommendations of SBWL vide their letter no. 1872 dated 13/9/2023, the copy of which with its English translation is attached.

Status: Proposal is pending at PCCF (WL) , GOM



Ashok Kumar Pani

Authorised Signatory

YIPL Bhuvneshwar

Date: 5/9/2023

English Translation of letter no. 1872 dated 13/9/2023 vide which PCCF (WL) and CWLW GOM recommended wild life clearance proposal to State Government for consideration of SBWL

To

Principal Secretary (Forest)

Revenue and Forest Division

Mantralaya, Mumbai

Subject: Proposal for Wildlife approval with reference to diversion of 146.996 ha forest land for Marki Mangli 2 coal project in Yavatmal District (Tiger Corridor connecting TATR - Tipeshwar and Kawal Tiger Project.)

Reference:

1. Letter no. 23/289dated 18/7/2023 from APCCF (WL) East, Nagpur
2. Letter no. 23/399dated 24/8/2023 from APCCF (WL) East, Nagpur

Government of India Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide their letter FN 6-30/2019-wl dated 21/7/2022 released revised guidelines for the non forest works in the NP/WLS/Tiger Corridor/ Eco-sensitive zone.

Additional PCCF (East) Nagpur vide his letter under reference 1 has submitted the wildlife proposal with in the diversion 146.996 ha forest land for Marki Mangli 2 to this office. Proposal require approval of State Board of Wildlife. Present proposal is required to be placed for the approval of State Board of Wildlife.

Following are the important features of the proposal.

- Proposed area is not a part of Protected or ESZ. Project area is proposed in Tiger corridor connecting TATR-Tipeshwar-Kawal.
- ACF (East) WL vide their letter under reference 2 consented with the condition of strict compliances of mitigation measure submitted in the Mitigation Plan prepared by User Agency. Similarly submitted to this office with recommendation the Mitigation Plan for the approval.
- PCCF (WL) /Chief Wildlife Warden , Government of Maharashtra vide their letter dated 1/9/2023 sent the Mitigation Plan prepared by User agency for the review and comments of Wildlife Institute of India Dehradun.

- User agency has submitted the undertaking to PCCF (WL) vide their letter dated 2/9/2023 for compliances of any/ all the conditions imposed by Wildlife Institute of India.
- Proposal involves forest and non forest land from village Pardi, Sawali, Ruikot in Zari Jamini Tauka of Yevatmal District of Maharashtra.
- Project has proposed lease of 339.467 ha include forest and non forest land
- Out of 339.467 ha area, 146.996 ha is forest and 192.471 is non forest land.
- In 146.996 forest land, 19.988 ha is unclassified forest and reserve forest (FDCM) 60.392 ha plus RF (Territory) 66.616 ha.
- Present location is 28 km from Tipeswar WLS
- It is proposed to cut trees of size less than 60 cm 103994 and above 60 cms 9431 with total 1,13,425 trees.
- Use agency has prepared photography and video of the area of the project by Drone survey and submitted in CD
- User agency has uploaded the proposal online on Parivesh Portal
- Estimated value of project in Tiger Corridor is 189.89 CR
- Present proposal includes 146.996 ha forest land. Location is coming in Tiger Corridor. However, the project being site specific, its impacts on biodiversity, environment and wildlife study is being obtained from WII and recommended subject to strict compliances of the mitigations suggested by WII

It is requested to place above decisions before the SBWL for their consideration and approval. Proposal is being forwarded to Government of Maharashtra along with the opinion of this office with reference to para 7(1) to 7(vi) of Part I and Part IV duly filled in.

Encl. Part I to IV as above.

(Mahip Gupta)
Chief Wildlife Warden (MS)
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पत्र-ईमेल क्रमांक:-कक्ष-२३(२)/वजी/सर्व/प्र.क्र.४३/१८७२/२०२३-२४, दिनांक:- १३/०९/२०२३

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प्रधान सचिव (वने),
महसूल व वनविभाग,
मंत्रालय, मुंबई-३२.

विषय - यवतमाळ जिल्ह्यातील मार्की मांगली -II कोड ब्लॉकमध्ये एकात्मिक कोळसा खाणकामासाठी १४६.९९६ हे. वनजमीनबाबत वन्यजीव मान्यतेचा प्रस्ताव.
(ताडोबा-अंधारी व्याघ्र प्रकल्प, पैनगंगा वन्यजीव अभयारण्य, टिपेश्वर वन्यजीव अभयारण्य व कावल व्याघ्र प्रकल्पाचे व्याघ्र भ्रमणमार्ग)

संदर्भ - १) अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव) पूर्व, नागपूर यांचे कार्यालयीन पत्र क्र. कक्ष-१(ब)/सर्व/२२- २३/२८९, दिनांक १८/०७/२०२३.
२) अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव) पूर्व, नागपूर यांचे कार्यालयीन पत्र क्र. कक्ष-१(ब)/सर्व/२३- २४/३९९, दिनांक २४/०८/२०२३.

राष्ट्रीय उद्यान/अभयारण्य/व्याघ्र भ्रमण मार्ग/ पर्यावरण संवेदनशील क्षेत्रात वनेत्तर काम करण्यासाठी भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण व वन मंत्रालय, यांचे पत्र क्रमांक F.No. 6-30/2019-WL, दिनांक २१/०७/२०२२ अन्वये सुधारीत मार्गदर्शक सूचना निर्गमित केलेल्या आहेत.

विषयांकित प्रकरणी प्रस्तावित प्रकल्प यवतमाळ जिल्ह्यातील मार्की मांगली -II कोड ब्लॉकमध्ये एकात्मिक कोळसा खाणकामासाठी १४६.९९६ हे. वनजमीनबाबत वन्यजीव मान्यतेचा प्रस्ताव अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव) पूर्व, नागपूर यांनी संदर्भीय पत्रान्वये सदर प्रस्ताव या कार्यालयास सादर केलेला आहे. सदर प्रस्तावास राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाच्या स्थायी समितीची मान्यता आवश्यक आहे. प्रस्तावित प्रकल्प राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाचे विचारार्थ व अनुमोदनार्थ ठेवणे आवश्यक आहे.

सदर प्रस्तावातील ठळक बाबी खालील प्रमाणे आहेत.

- प्रस्तावित क्षेत्र हे कोणत्याही संरक्षित क्षेत्रात किंवा पर्यावरण संवेदनशील क्षेत्रात नाही.
प्रस्तावातील प्रस्तावीत वनक्षेत्र पांढरकवडा वनविभागात ताडोबा-अंधारी व्याघ्र प्रकल्प,

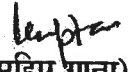
पैनगंगा वन्यजीव अभयारण्य, टिपेश्वर वन्यजीव अभयारण्य व कावल व्याघ्र प्रकल्प यांना जोडणारे व्याघ्र भ्रमणमार्गात प्रस्तावित आहे.

- अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव) पूर्व, नागपूर यांनी त्यांचे संदर्भ पत्र २ दिनांक २४/०८/२०२३ रोजीचे पत्रान्वये प्रस्तुत प्रस्तावित खान कामासाठी प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने तयार केलेल्या उपशमन-उपाययोजना कार्यान्वित करून व आराखड्यातील नमूद बाबींचे काटेकोरपणे पालण होणे आवश्यक आहे. या अटीचे अधिन राहून सदर प्रस्तावास सहमती दर्शविलेली आहे. तसेच प्रस्तुत प्रकल्पासाठी उपशमन-उपाययोजना आराखडा मंजूर करण्याचे शिफारसीसह या कार्यालयास सादर केलेला आहे.
- प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने तयार केलेला उपशमन-उपाययोजना आराखडा मुख्य वन्यजीव रक्षक, महाराष्ट्र राज्य यांनी भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान, देहराडून यांना दिनांक ०१/०९/२०२३ रोजीचे पत्रान्वये सूचना आणि अभिप्रायास्तव पाठविलेला आहे.
- भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान, देहराडून यांचेकडे प्रस्तुत उपशमन-उपाययोजना आराखड्यामध्ये ज्या काही सूचना अथवा बदल सुचवतील त्या सर्व उपाययोजनांची अंमलबजावणी करण्यासाठी प्रकल्प यंत्रणा तयार आहे, असे हमीपत्र प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने दि. ०२/०९/२०२३ रोजीचे पत्रान्वये मुख्य वन्यजीव रक्षक, महाराष्ट्र राज्य यांना सादर केले आहे.
- सदर प्रस्तावामध्ये मौजा पारडी, सावली व रूईकोट ता. झरी जामणी, जि. यवतमाळ येथील वन आणि वनेत्तर क्षेत्र प्रस्तावित आहे.
- सदर खाण प्रकल्पासाठी लिज क्षेत्र ३३९.४६७ हे. वन आणि वनेत्तर क्षेत्र प्रस्तावित आहे.
- प्रस्तावित ३३९.४६७ हे. पैकी १४६.९९६ हे. वनक्षेत्र आणि १९२.४७१ वनेत्तर क्षेत्र आहे.
- १४६.९९६ हे. वनक्षेत्रामध्ये अवर्गीकृत वन १९.९८८ हे. + राखीव वन (FDCM) ६०.३९२ हे. + राखीव वन (प्रादेशिक) ६६.६१६ हे. आहे.
- प्रस्तुत प्रकल्प टिपेश्वर अभयारण्यापासून २८.०० कि.मी. दुर आहे.
- प्रस्तावित प्रकल्पासाठी ६० से.मी. पेक्षा कमी १०३९९४ आणि ६० से.मी. चे वर ९४३१ असे ऐकूण १, १३, ४२५ वृक्षतोड प्रस्तावित आहेत.
- प्रस्तावासोबत प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने प्रस्तावित स्थळाचे ड्रोनव्दारे घेतलेले चित्रीकरण व छायाचित्र सीडी स्वरूपात सादर केलेले आहेत.
- सदर प्रकल्प, प्रकल्प यंत्रणेने परिवेश या संकेत स्थळावर ऑनलाईन सादर केलेला आहे.

- व्याघ्र भ्रमणमार्गातील अंदाजपत्रकीय रक्कम रु. १८९.८९ कोटी ऐवढी आहे.
- सदर खदान प्रकल्पामध्ये १४६.९९६ हे. असलेले वनक्षेत्र समाविष्ट आहे. सदर क्षेत्र हा वाघ भ्रमणमार्गामध्ये येत आहे. परंतु प्रकल्प साईट “स्पेसिफिक” असल्याने प्रकल्प व त्याचे वन्यजीव, जैवविविधता व पर्यावरणावर होणारे परिणाम बाबत अभ्यास भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान, देहराडून या तांत्रिक संस्थेकडून करून घेण्यात येत आहे व त्यांनी सुचविलेल्या उपशमन योजनेचे काटेकोरपणे अंमलबजावणी नंतरच मंजूर करण्याची शिफारस आहे.

प्रस्तावित प्रकल्पास उपरोक्त निर्णयानुसार राज्य वन्यजीव मंडळाचे विचारार्थ व अनुमोदनार्थ ठेवण्यास विनंती आहे. या कार्यालयाचे अभिप्राय प्रपत्र भाग- १ मधील मुद्या क्रमांक ७ (i) ते (vi) बाबत व प्रपत्र भाग IV ची पूर्तता करून शासनास सादर करण्यात येत आहे.

सहपत्र- वरील प्रमाणे २ प्रतीत प्रपत्र भाग I ते IV


(महिप गुप्ता)

मुख्य वन्यजीव रक्षक तथा
प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव),
महाराष्ट्र राज्य

प्रतिलिपी :- अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक तथा केंद्रस्थ अधिकारी, महाराष्ट्र राज्य यांना माहिती व योग्य त्या कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.

प्रतिलिपी :- अपर प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव) पूर्व, नागपूर यांना माहिती व योग्य त्या कार्यवाहीस

प्रतिलिपी :- वनसंरक्षक (प्रा), यवतमाळ यांना माहिती व योग्य कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.

प्रतिलिपी :- उपवनसंरक्षक, पांढरकवडा वनविभाग पांढरकवडा यांना माहिती व योग्य कार्यवाहीस अग्रेषित.

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(महिप गुप्ता)

मुख्य वन्यजीव रक्षक तथा
प्रधान मुख्य वनसंरक्षक (वन्यजीव),
महाराष्ट्र राज्य

(To be attached to part I)

Opinion of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State

["Diversion of 146.996 ha. Forest area in village Pardi, Sawali, Ruikot of Zari Jamni Taluka of Yavatmal District, Maharashtra by M/s Yazdani International Private Limited, Bhuvneshwar for mining of coal from Marki Mangali II block given by GOI, Ministry of Coal for mining. (Tadoba-Andhari –Kawal Tiger Reserve, Painganga-Tipeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, Tiger Corridor)"]

i) Brief history of the Protected Area :-

The project does not envisage use of land in National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary and nor it is a part of ESZ. The project location does not form covered under 32 major tiger corridors in the country published nor it is part of WII publication Tiger corridor of Eastern Vidarbha Landscape. This location however is covered under Approved Tiger Conservation Plan of Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve and Section 38 V (3) (b) of the said Act, provides for the tiger conservation plan to ensure ecologically compatible land uses in areas linking one protected areas or tiger reserve with another and therefore need to recommendations of NBWL.

ii) Current status of wildlife:-

The movement of wild life including tiger has been witnessed and reported by local. The area is very much part of Tadoba-Andhari Landscape and equally important as Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve.

iii) Current status of pressures on Protected Areas :-

The area is not protected area. So all type of biotic pressure exists. There are villages around and therefore cattle population is significant. As the forest area is highly fragmented more fragmentation of forest area will be detrimental.

iv) Impact of project on wildlife, habitat management and access/use of resource by various stakeholders :-

No impact on wild life habitat as no NP/WLS or ESZ area is involved in this project.

v) **Contiguous wildlife areas, which would benefit wildlife if added to National Parks/Sanctuary:-**

The distance from project site is 28 km. The areas around proposed location is rich in coal and most of coal blocks are being taken for mining and therefore difficult to add to nearest National Park or WLS.

vi) **Other areas in the State, which have been recommended by State Government, Wildlife Institute of India, BNHS, SACON, IISC, IUCN or other expert body for inclusion in Protected Area Network :-**

The areas recommended by Wildlife Institute of India, BNHS, and other stakeholders are considered and majority of the areas have been notified as Protected Areas from 2012 to 2023. Following is the abstract of such area notified as protected areas during 2012 to 2023.

Sr. No.	Particular	Nos.	Area (in Sq.km.)
1	Wildlife Sanctuary	17	2375.14
2	Conservation Reserve	26	1864.93
Total		43	4240.07

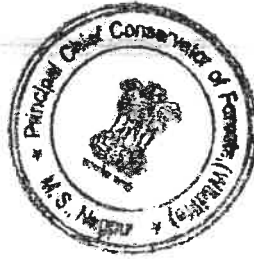
Proposals for notification of following Protected Areas are being examined and some are under the consideration of State Government.

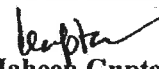
Sr. No.	Name of proposed WLS /Cons. Reserve	District	Approx. Area (sq.kms)
1	2	3	4
1	Gaganbawada Conservation Reserve	Kolhapur	105.47
2	Ajara- Bhudargad Conservation Reserve	Kolhapur	246.63
3	Taharabad Conservation Reserve	Nashik	122.45
4	Chivatibari Conservation Reserve	Dhule	66.04
5	Velhe-Mulshi Conservation Reserve	Pune / Raigad	87.41
6	Naneghat Conservation Reserve	Pune / Thane	98.78
7	Bhorgirigad Conservation Reserve	Pune	37.64
8	Dindori Conservation Reserve	Nashik	62.10
9	Surgana Conservation Reserve	Nashik	86.28
10	Kareghat Conservation Reserve	Nandurbar	97.45
11	Chinchpada Conservation Reserve	Nandurbar	93.91
12	Alibag Conservation Reserve	Raigad	60.03

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13	Ghera Manikgad Conservation Reserve	Raigad	53.25
14	Rajmachi Conservation Reserve	Thane/Pune	83.15
15	Lonavala Conservation Reserve	Pune / Raigad	121.20
16	Gumtara Conservation Reserve	Thane	125.50
17	Jawhar Conservation Reserve	Palghar	118.28
18	Dhamani Conservation Reserve	Palghar	49.15
19	Asherigad Conservation Reserve	Palghar	80.95
20	Aatpadi Conservation Reserve	Sangli	9.48
21	Ekara Conservation Reserve	Chandrapur	102.99
	Total		1908.14

Nagpur
Dated :- 13/09/2023




(Maheep Gupta)
 Chief Wildlife Warden &
 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)
 Maharashtra State

PART- IV

(To be completed by the Chief Wildlife Warden within 15 days of the receipt of Part-II and III)

Opinion of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Maharashtra State

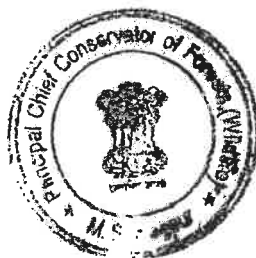
["Diversion of 146.996 ha. Forest area in village Pardi, Sawali, Ruikot of Zari Jamni Taluka of Yavatmal District, Maharashtra by M/s Yazdani International Private Limited, Bhuvneshwar for mining of coal from Marki Mangali II block given by GOI, Ministry of Coal for mining. (Tadoba-Andhari –Kawal Tiger Reserve, Painganga-Tipeshwar Wildlife Sancturay, Tiger Corridor)"]

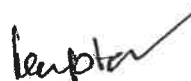
1	Date of Receipt of Part-II and III by the Chief Wild Life Warden or the officer authorized by him in this regard.	25/07/2023
2	Do you agree with the information and recommendations provided by the officer-in-charge in Part-III.	Yes.
3	If not, please provide the reasons.	Not applicable
4	Have you visited the site yourself and held discussions with the applicant?	No.
5	a) Do you agree that the present proposal for permitting use of NP /WLS area is the best option or only option and is viable?	Yes
	b) Whether proposal subjudice ? If yes give details.	N.A.
6	Please provide specific comments w. r. t. Section 29 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.	The area does not falls within Wildlife Sanctuary or National Park, there will not be any impact in relation to Sec. 29 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. But area is a part of wildlife corridor to attract Sec. 38 O 1 (g) Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
7	Any other information that you would bring to the notice of the State Board, National Board or its Committee that may be relevant and assist in decision making.	The proposed area of the project is a biodiversity rich area of the Reserved Forest and is home to flagship species like Tiger and Leopard, among others. Ever though the area is not part of National Park or Sanctuary, it is part of important tiger bearing area and its loss can have negative

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		<p>impact on dispersal of tigers and other wildlife. Reduction in natural habitat of tigers can lead to increase in incidences of human - animal conflict. These factors should be taken into account before considering the proposal for approval. The Wildlife conservation Plan approved by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Nagpur vide letter No. 1725, dated 01/09/2023 is preliminary plan and need to be vetted by WII.</p>
8	Do you recommend the project?	<p>The Project Agency has demanded an area of 146.996 ha. of Reserve Forest having 113425 trees. The area forms part of corridor as identified by Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.</p> <p>A detailed study needs to be carried out by expert institute such as (Wildlife Institute of India) regarding the impact of the project on forest and Wildlife along with appropriate mitigation measures to be adopted to minimize negative impacts. The project is recommended subject to implementation of mitigation measures as suggested by Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.</p>
9	Conditions, if any, to be ensured in the interest of wildlife for allowing use of the area.	<p>The proposed project is recommended subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 4% cost of project falling in corridor should be deposited with Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, Chandrapur foundation. 2. The mitigation measures suggest by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun should be implemented by project proponent with their own cost.

Nagpur
Dated :- 13/09/2023




 (Maheep Gupta)
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No:- D-23(2)/Survey/C.N.149/ 1714 /2023-24, Dated 01/08/2023
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Sub:- Diversion of 146.996 ha. Forest land for integrated coal mining including post mine reclamation in Marki Mangali II coad block in Yevatmal District in favour of M/s Yazdani International Private Limited, Bhuvneshwar Odisha: Proposal for obtaining recommendations of NWLB GOI under section 38(o) (g): Compliances of the observation/clarification sought by CCF and Director Melghat Tiger Project Amravati. (Wildlife Mitigation Plan)

Ref:- Additional Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife) East, Nagpur letter no. Desk-1(b) /Survey/23-24/399, dated 24/08/2023.

Project proponent M/s Yazdani International Private Limited, Bhuvneshwar (Odisha) has been allotted Marki Mangali -II coal mine area of 339.467 ha. (146.996 ha. forest area and 192.107 ha. non-forest land). The land of proposed mine comes under the Wildlife Corridor as mentioned in Tiger Conservation Plan of Tadoba- Andhari Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra. As the project comes in corridor of Tadoba-Andhari-Tipeshwar Sanctuary and Kawal Tiger Reserve, wildlife clearance of National Board of Wildlife is required.

The project proponent has submitted. The Wildlife Mitigation Plan for approval to this office. As the project fall in very important tiger corridor area, the mitigation plan needs to be vetted by expert technical institute. So, you are hereby requested to please peruse the plan and submit your comments and suggestions at the earliest.

Encl:-Mitigation Plan.


(Maheep Gupta)

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Copy to:- Chief Conservator of Forest & Field Director, Melghat Tiger Reserve, Amravati
for information & necessary action.

Copy to: - Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Yavatmal for information & necessary action.

Copy to: - Deputy Conservator of Forests (T.) Pandharkawada for information & necessary
action.

Copy to:- M/s Yazdani International Private Limited, 7th floor, C-wing, Fortune Tower,
Chandrasekharpur, Bhubneshwar Odisha, India for information & necessary
action. (Email- ashok@yazdaniinternational.com)