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क्रमांक: 6-एमपीआर 017/2022 -बीएचओ/

दिनांक : /04/2023

प्रति,

प्रधान सचिव (वन)
मध्यप्रदेश शासन,
वल्लभ भवन, भोपाल (मध्यप्रदेश)।

विषय: शहडोल जिले के परिक्षेत्र शहडोल अन्तर्गत विभिन्न खसरा के रकबा 12.733 हेक्टेयर राजस्व वनभूमि में शाहपुर पूर्व कोल ब्लॉक, भूमिगत कोयला उत्खनन हेतु मेसर्स चौंगले एण्ड कम्पनी प्रायवेट लिमिटेड को उपयोग पर देने बाबत।

संदर्भ: 1. प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध), म.प्र. का पत्र क्रमांक एफ-1/833/2021/10-11/3425 दिनांक 10/10/2022.

2. Recommendations of Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 24/03/2023.

महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषयक संदर्भित पत्रों के संबंध में अधोहस्ताक्षरी को यह सूचित करने का निर्देश हुआ है कि प्रस्ताव से संबंधित FAC Meeting दिनांक 24/03/2023 को आयोजित की गयी। Recommendations of Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 24/03/2023 (संदर्भित पत्र-2) अनुसार अन्य वांछित जानकारी/स्पष्टीकरण की आवश्यकता है जो कि निम्नलिखित है:-

1. The area involved in the proposal is not commensurate with the area details given in the approved mining plan. The purpose/component wise breakup of the required area has to be in conformity with the mining plan. The same needs to be examined by the State government. The State Govt. shall ensure to submit the mining plan as required under extant guidelines
2. The Cost-benefit analysis shall be revisited keeping in view the revised rates of NPV and the format prescribed in the FCA Handbook of guidelines.

उपरोक्त जानकारी प्राप्त होने के पश्चात ही प्रस्ताव में आगामी कार्यवाही की जायेगी।

भवदीय

(हरे राम कुमार)

तकनीकी अधिकारी (वानिकी)

प्रतिलिपि:

- 1) प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक (भू-प्रबंध) एवं नोडल अधिकारी, मध्यप्रदेश शासन, सतपुडा भवन, भोपाल।
- 2) सहायक वनमहानिरीक्षक, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, जोरबाग रोड, नई दिल्ली।

Signed by Hare Ram Kumar

Date: 28-04-2023 10:48:13

Reason: Approved

Agenda No. 5

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F. No. 6-MPR 017/2002-BHO

Subject: Diversion of 12.733 ha Revenue Forest land for underground coal mining in Shahpur East Coal Block in favour of M/s Chowgule & Company Private Limited in Shahdol & Umaria Districts of Madhya Pradesh (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/147526/2021) – regarding.

1. The agenda item was considered by the FAC in its meeting held on 24.03.2023. The corresponding agenda note may be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in.
2. During the meeting, all the facts and background of the proposal, along with examination of the proposal in the DSS were presented and explained by the Member Secretary before the FAC for their examination and analysis. Committee was also apprised of the relevant provisions under other Acts & Rules relevant to the proposal and their significance.
3. The Regional Officer, IRO, Bhopal and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Madhya Pradesh attended the meeting.
 - i. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, FCA, Government of Madhya Pradesh, vide their letter No. F-1/833/2021/10-11/1912 dated 30.05.2022 forwarded a fresh proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 12.733 ha Revenue Forest land for underground coal mining in Shahpur East Coal Block in favour of M/s Chowgule & Company Private Limited in Shahdol & Umaria Districts of Madhya Pradesh.
 - ii. The proposed diversion area is 12.733 ha and there are a total of 351 trees available. Since this proposal is for underground mining, no trees are required to be felled. Tree enumeration is given only for filling of Part II form. Hence, the user agency has not identified area for CA.
 - iii. The IRO, Bhopal sought some additional information vide letter of even no. dated 30.06.2022 for which Government of Madhya Pradesh submitted reply vide their letter dated 10.10.2022.
 - iv. The above proposal was considered in the 07th Regional Empowered Committee of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, Integrated Regional Office, Bhopal held on 18.11.2022. Committee noted that the proposal is for underground Coal mining, as per para 2.6 (i) (c), there is no surface rights to the User Agency on the proposed area for diversion. Therefore, no felling of trees would be involved and hence the Committee felt that there is no requirement of CA. REC recommended the above mentioned proposal subject to usual terms and conditions stipulated in mining proposals.

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- v. The proposed area for diversion is 5.20 km away from Achanakmar-Bandhavgarh Tiger corridor, the comments of CWLW have been submitted.
 - vi. The AC observed that the mining plan was approved by the Ministry of Coal vide their letter No. 13016/31/2010-CA-I dated 27.12.2012 in favour of M/s National Mineral Development Corporation and as per MoEF&CC guideline dated 09.06.2015 inter-alia providing that cases of de-allocated coal blocks which were under consideration at the Central Government level or State level will be considered as if they have submitted by the new allottee. However, revised Part-I and other relevant information with respect of proposal needs to be re-validated by the State.
 - vii. The FAC observed that as per the approved mining plan the total area of allotted coal block is mentioned as 693 ha wherein the total forest area is mentioned as 9.199 ha. However, as per the proposal submitted by the State Government the total block area is 659 ha and the forest area involved is 12.733 ha.
 - viii. The Cost-benefit analysis has been submitted wherein C:B Ratio is mentioned as 17072.272 which needs examination.

4. Decision of Advisory Committee: The Committee had detailed discussion and deliberation with the Nodal Officer (FCA), Madhya Pradesh and Regional Officer, IRO Bhopal. After going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made by the Nodal Officer, the Committee decided that the IRO, Bhopal shall seek the following information from the Government of Madhya Pradesh:

- i. The area involved in the proposal is not commensurate with the area details given in the approved mining plan. The purpose/component wise breakup of the required area has to be in conformity with the mining plan. The same needs to be examined by the State government. The State Govt. shall ensure to submit the mining plan as required under extant guidelines.
- ii. The Cost-benefit analysis shall be revisited keeping in view the revised rates of NPV and the format prescribed in the FCA Handbook of guidelines.

1. Proposal title: Diversion of 12.733 ha Revenue Forest land for underground coal mining in Shahpur East Coal Block in favour of M/s Chowgule & Company Private Limited in Shahdol & Umaria Districts of Madhya Pradesh.
2. Online ref no: FP/MP/MIN/147526/2021
3. Name of user agency: M/s Chowgule & Company Private Limited
4. State: **Madhya Pradesh**
5. Forest Division: **Shahdol South(T) Forest Division**
6. Total Forest land under diversion: **12.733 ha**
7. Whether it is a proposal for use of fresh forest land: **Yes**
8. Purpose of diversion (category): **Mining**
9. Compensatory Afforestation proposed: **The proposed diversion area is 12.733 ha and there are a total of 351 trees available. Since this proposal is for underground mining, no trees are required to be felled. Tree enumeration is given only for filling of Part II form. Hence, the user agency has not identified area for CA.**
10. Whether recommended by State Government: **Yes**
11. Whether recommended by IRO (where applicable): **Yes**
12. Details of the proposal can be seen/accessed in the PARIVESH portal.