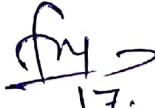


## **RECOMMENDATION**

The user agency applied for 400.96 hectare of forest land for diversion under forest (conservation) Act to excavate coal, the main raw material required for power generation and other commercial and domestic needs in the country. The area is spread over 05 villages and forests of this division and as per the documents attached to the proposal, is having vast reserve of coal approximately 527.30 MT and the user agency envisages to mine out 15 MT per annum. The project is site specific and shall cater the many essential needs of the people through its linked infrastructural projects e.g. Transmission Line, Roads etc. Our energy demand for all round development is still very much dependent on coal which as per estimation fulfills about 60% of requirement of power of the nation. At this critical stage, one cannot rule out the coal mining projects. The proposal was examined in the light of the guidelines issued by Gol along with the checklist and has been found in a complete state. The applied area is a good habitat of wildlife and also includes many residential houses for which proper replacement and rehabilitation measures are required to the tune of the states R&R policy and other concerned laws. The proposed area and its surrounding areas also, being a habitat of many wild animals, shall definitely bear some impacts on residing and adjoining wild animals for which a wildlife management plan shall be required. The project shall generate many employment opportunities to the local people and shall also address the migration problem of the people from these areas. Overall, I see the project is in the interest of the local people and the state and the nation also and therefore, this proposal for diversion of 400.96 ha forest land for coal mining, under the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act is recommended for approval by the competent authority.

  
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