

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: October, 2023

To
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Raipur

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Prakash Industries Pvt. Ltd. for non-forestry use of 515.581 ha (201.806 ha for Underground mining) of forest land for Coal mining in Bhaskarpara Coal block under Surajpur District of Chhattisgarh State (Online Proposal No. FP/CG/MIN/149564/2021)-regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's Stage-I approval letter of even no. dt 21.08.2023 and to say that the **condition no. (ii)** shall be read as :-

ii. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over equivalent non-forest land in lieu of the area proposed for open cast mining i.e. 313.775 ha non-forest land at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. With provision for ten years on subsequent maintenance;

instead of

ii. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over equivalent non-forest land in lieu of the area proposed for open cast mining i.e. 315.417 ha non-forest land at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. With provision for ten years on subsequent maintenance.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-
(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Jail Road, Aranya Bhavan, Raipur

3. DDGF(C), Regional Office, Nagpur, MoEF&CC.
4. IGF(C), Sub-office, Raipur, MoEF&CC.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.