

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

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest and Environment,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Sub: Renewal of the approval accorded under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 100 hectares of forest land for Jayant Project of the Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the letter of Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh vide their letter No.F-1/201/1989/10-11/3000 Bhopal dated 09.09.2020 on the above cited subject, forwarding additional information on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 06.02.2018 sought by the Ministry vide its letter dated 06.12.2019. After examination of the content of the said letter following is observed:

- i. In view of condition No. (iii) of the Stage-I approval letter dated 12.12.2018, the Site Inspection Report has been carried out by the AIGF (C) Bhopal and submitted the same vide their letter No.8A/49/2002-FCW dated 16.09.2020. The following observations raised by the DDGF, Bhopal in their Site Inspection Report:
 - a. As there is a variation of Rs.15.32 lakhs in Compensatory Afforestation amount deposited (Rs 36.7 lakhs) and expenditure incurred (Rs.21.38 lakhs); reason for the same needs submission.
 - b. Compensatory Afforestation patches have survival percentage ranging from 10% to 50%. Since, the survival percentage is less than 75%, hence the proposal attracts the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India order dated 08/09/2000 in I.A. 574 in case of SECL and Govt. of India; this requires clarification from the State Government.
- ii. The State Govt. may provide details of adjacent mining lease with KML file of the instant proposal.

In view of the above, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh is requested to furnish the above mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Brijendra Swaroop)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF & HoFF Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The Dy. Director General (Central), Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal:
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.