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

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Dated: October, 2023

To Inspector General of Forests (Central) Sub-Office, Raipur MoEF&CC, .

Sub: Proposal for diversion of additional 94.293 ha revenue forest land of Gevra OC expansion project of M/s South Eastern Coalfield Limited for Mining in Korba District of Chhattisgarh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. 5-41/2023/10-2 dated 13.10.2023 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to request the Sub-Office, Raipur to inspect the area proposed for diversion, area identified for raising compensatory afforestation and submit a report report to the Ministry.

Further, it is also requested to submit a monitoring report with regard to compliance of conditions stipulated in the earlier approvals wrt Gevra OC projects (total area=803.129 ha (46.198ha, 564.885 ha, 192.046ha and 100.898 ha) granted in the past and also report the nature and extent of violation if any committed by the user agency..

Yours faithfully **Sd**/-

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

## Copy to:

- 1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur (CG).
- 2. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
- 3. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur
- 4. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Jail Road, Aranya Bhavan, Raipur
- 5. User Agency
- 6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi