

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

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**Dated: 4th October, 2023**

To  
The Dy. DGF (Central),  
Regional Office,  
MoEF&CC, Bhopal;

**Subject: Diversion of 166.41 ha forest land (150.31 ha Reserve Forest and 16.10 ha Protected Forest) in the forest compartment No. RF-720, RF-721 & PF-720-B of Parasia Range under West Chhindwara Forest Division for the Mahadeopuri Underground Coal Mining Project in favour of M/s Western Coalfield Limited (WCL) in Chhindwara District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/37580/2018) - reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/828/2021/10-11/1942 dated 12.05.2023 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to request that the Regional Office, Bhopal of this Ministry shall carryout the inspection of the forest land proposed for diversion, sites identified for compensatory afforestation (CA) and submit a detailed site inspection report (SIR) to this Ministry for further necessary action, at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,

**Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj**

**Date: 04-10-2023 18:02:54**

**Reason: Approved**

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

**Assistant Inspector General of Forests**

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.