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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003

Dated: 9th October, 2023

To.

Sh CK Sonwane

The Dy. IGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

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) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

This is in reference to the Ministry letter of even no. dated 04.10.2023 wherein the Regional Office, Bhopal was requested to carry out the inspection of the forest land proposed for diversion, sites identified for compensatory afforestation (CA) (**Copy enclosed**).

In this regard, I am directed to inform that since Dy. DGF (central), Regional Office, Bhopal is on foreign tour, therefore it is requested to conduct the site inspection in case of subject cited proposal and submit the site inspection report to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj Date: 09-10-2023 14:34:40

Reason: Approved

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 Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
- 4. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
- 5. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
- 6. User Agency;
- 7. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003 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

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