

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

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Dated: 22nd November, 2023

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
Bhopal.

Subject: Diversion of 139.86 ha forest land in compartment No. RF276 & PF-277, 278, 279 of Village- Muhair and Padri, Range Baidhan of Singrouli Forest Division for Block-B Expansion Opencast Coal Mining in favour of M/s Northern Coalfield Limited in Singrauli District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/44294/2020) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F1/823/2021/10-11/806 dated 21.02.2023 forwarding a proposal to obtain prior approval of the Central Government, in terms of the Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 20.10.2023. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in.

The AC after thorough deliberation and discussion observed that the proposal in its present form is not site specific as more than 66% of the reserve forest area which involves about 46,571 trees is proposed for dumping the overburden, which can be done over non-forest land. Keeping this in view the above proposal for diversion of forest land stands **rejected**.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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