

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

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Dated: November, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 255.177 ha of forest land for underground coal mining of Maori Coal Block in favour of M/s. Western Coalfields Ltd. in Chhindwara district of Madhya Pradesh (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/1049/2011) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/480/08/10-11/3236 dated 09.11.2011 read along with letter no. F-1/480/2008/10-11/4974 dated 07.11.2023 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 14.11.2023. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee deferred the proposal for nonforest use of 255.177 ha of forest land for underground coal mining of Maori Coal Block for want of following information:

- i. The State Govt. has not submitted the copy of approved mining plan, which shall be submitted.
- ii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the land use proposed in the instant proposal is in conformity with the mining plan. A comparative analysis of the proposed landuse/component wise breakup vis-à-vis the mining plan shall also be submitted.

In view of the above, the Government of Madhya Pradesh is requested to furnish the information as above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj

Date: 27-11-2023 20:23:01

Reason: Approved

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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