

**File No.8-45-2017-FCF**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**  
**(Forest Conservation Division)**  
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**Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2021**

**To,**

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Department of Forest and Environment,  
Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal.

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 385.841 ha forest land (including 340.148 ha forest land and 45.693 ha of revenue forest land) in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited for Dhankasa underground coal mining project and construction of road in West Chhindwara district under the Chhindwara forest division, Madhya Pradesh (Online proposal No. FP/MP/MIN/16527/2015) - regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF and Nodal Officer, FC Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh letter F-1/FP/MP/MIN/16527/2015/10-11/4412 dated 26.12.2020 on the above-mentioned subject, forwarding information on the compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 02.01.2018 and to say that examination of the said compliance in the Ministry revealed the following:

- i. The user agency has not submitted afforestation scheme for surface area and same is required to be submitted before stage – II clearance in lieu of condition no. (vi).
- ii. The user agency has not complied condition no. (ix) “For approach road on surface area, involving 9.65 Ha. of forest area compensatory afforestation shall be done on equivalent non-forest and, which will be transferred and mutated in favour of forest department and declared as forest under Forest Act as applicable in the state”.

Accordingly, I am directed to request the State Government to submit the information on shortcomings, as indicated above, to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-**

**(Shrawan Kumar Verma)**  
Dy. Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The Principal Chief Conservation of Forests & (HoFF) Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The DDG (Central), Regional Office (Western Zone), Bhopal.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF& CC, New Delhi.
6. Guard File.