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

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Dated: 19-01-2026

To
The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Regional Office, Bhopal.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 502 ha of forest land for renewal of lease for Rajnagar RO Underground Coal Mining Project in Anup-Nagar District of Madhya Pradesh in favour of M/s South Eastern Coalfield Limited and also diversion of 123.56 ha forest land (a part of 502.00 ha) for surface use for the same project – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry's letter of even number dated 14.08.2024 and 15.04.2025 (copies enclosed) on above subject wherein Regional Office, Bhopal was requested to ensure that the complete details on the proposal be provided to this Ministry to ascertain that no violation of the Adhiniyam/Stage-I approval is done by the user agency. The reply from the Regional Office is still awaited.

2. In view of the above, the Regional Office, Bhopal is requested to inspect the area and a detailed Site Inspection Report is required to be submitted to the Ministry on all the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated 10.01.2008 (including the complementary levies applicable, demanded by the State Govt. and paid by the User Agency) based on the information provided by the State Government.

3. Also, the information submitted by the State Government with reference to the instant proposal on various occasions is also being forwarded to RO Bhopal for kind reference.

Encl: as above

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Prashant Rajagopal)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. DDGF (Central), MoEF&CC's Regional Office, at Bhopal.
3. APCCF–cum-Nodal Officer, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading.