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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)
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Dated: 25-01-2026

To

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

Sub.: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Northern Coalfield Limited for non-forestry use of 229.348 ha of forest land in compartment No. RF-272, 273 & 274 of Waidhan Range for the extension of Nigahi Open-cast Coal Mining Project under Singrauli Forest Division, Singrauli District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/140863/2021) - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer tothe Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter dated 17.12.2025 on the above mentioned subject and to say that after examination of the compliance of the Stage-I conditions, the following is submitted:

i. In compliance of condition no. 5 and 22 of the Stage-I approval, the State Government submitted an Integrated Wildlife Management Plan covering 31,200 ha (including the additional area within a 5 km radius) for all 10 NCL mines, including 3,582.723 ha lease area of Nigahi OCP. The Plan is to be examined by the Chief Wildlife Warden, and any additional mitigation measures required post-diversion shall be incorporated, including the includes provisions for creation and maintenance of alternate habitats for avifauna with the corresponding cost to be borne by the User Agency. In this regard, the State Government has sought approval of the Plan from the CWLW vide letter dated 21.03.2025.

   Accordingly, the State Government is therefore requested to submit the approved Wildlife Mitigation Plan.

i. In compliance of condition no. 11 of the Stage-I approval, as per the information available on the PARIVESH portal, the instant proposal for diversion of 229.348 Ha is having canopy density of 0.6 of Eco Class V. Accordingly, the UA needs to pay the NPV @1292850. Hence, the total NPV amount comes to be 1292850 x 229.348= 296512561.8/-. However, the UA paid the amount of ₹28,17,74,659.00/- towards the NPV.

   Accordingly, the UA needs to pay the additional amount of ₹14737902/- in the National CAMPA.

ii. In compliance of condition no. 13 of the Stage-I approval, as per the DSS Analysis dated 16.01.2026, the KML files of diverted area, the CA areas, the proposed SMC treatment area and the WLMP area is not found uploaded on the e-Green watch portal.

The State Govt. is requested to upload the KML files on E-green watch portal and provide the GPS id to the Ministry.

3. In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit the information/documents as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Encl: as above

Yours sincerely,

Digitally signed by Prashant Rajagopal
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Sd/-
(Prashant Rajagopal)
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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.