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

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Dated: January, 2024

To

The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.

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 South Eastern Coalfield Limited for non-forestry use for renewal of diversion of 33.84 ha of broken up forest land (out of total 424.429 ha of forest land in lease area) in respect of Deepika Expansion open cast mining project in favour of M/a SECL in Korba District of Chhattisgarh (Online Proposal No. FP/CG/MIN/1461/2006)— regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. Bhu-Prabandh/Khanij/244/2704 dated 07.12.2023 on the above wherein the additional information has been submitted by the State Government in respect of the Ministry's letter dated 19.06.2023. After the careful examination of additional information, the following information is required to be submitted by the State Government to the Ministry for further action in the matter:

- i. The National Authority (CAMPA) vide their e-mail dated 24.01.2023 informed that the UTR number of the remittance of ₹63,60,174.00 is of 21 digits whereas it should be of 22 digits, hence UTR No. is incomplete.
- ii. As the payment of ₹5,07,660.00 towards compensatory afforestation has been deposited in Korba in the year 1995 and by that time Ad-hoc CAMPA was not made functional, hence details of deposit of this fund in the CAMPA account is not available with National Authority. In this regard, the state shall submit the details of deposit made along with documentary evidence.

In view of above, it is requested to furnish the correct transaction details/particulars so that further confirmation report could be furnished in the matter.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- 1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
- 2. DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Nagpur.
- 3. APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Deptt., Government of Chhattisgarh,

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- Raipur.
 4. IGF (Central), sub-office Raipur.
 5. User agency.
 6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC.