

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

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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 of 402.966 ha of forest land for Kushmunda and Laxman Opencast Coal Mining Projects in Korba District of Chhattisgarh (Online Proposal No. FP/CG/MIN/22244/2005) – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the letter Bhu-Prabandh/Khanij/331-215/2692 dated 07.12.2023 from the State Nodal Officer on the above-mentioned subject and to say that after the examination of the additional information in the compliance of the conditions stipulated in respect of the Stage-I approval dated 26.04.2018, it has been observed that the condition no. (xi) has not been complied.

In view of the above, the Govt. of Chhattisgarh is requested to provide the copy of notification of the surrendered reclaimed forest land of 52.164 ha as RF/PF under Indian Forest Act or State Forest Acts/rules. Further, it may also be clarified that the said handed over, reclaimed land is being taken over by the State Forest Department or not.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)
Assistant Inspector General of forests

Copy to:

1. PCCF (HoFF), State Forest Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. DDGF (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Nagpur.
4. IGF (Central), sub-office, Raipur.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.