

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

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Dated: December, 2023

To,

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

2. The Dy. DGF (Central),
Regional Office,
MoEF&CC, Bhopal.

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 354.258 ha of forest land/revenue forest land. (314.743 ha of forest land + 39.515 ha of revenue forest land = 354.258 ha forest.land) for Jhiria West Opencast Coal Mining in favour of M/s. South Eastern Coal.Fields Limited, Anuppur District State of Madhya Pradesh (Online No..FP/MP/MIN/39881/2019) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. FP/MP/MIN/39881/2019/2571 dated 17.08.2020 read longwith letter no. F-1/FP/MP/MIN/39881/2019/4901 dated 02.11.2023 on the above mentioned subject and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 29.11.2023. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee deferred the proposal and decided that:

- i. The State Government shall submit the justification for not submitting the complete compliance of the Stage-1 approval accorded under FCA, 1980 in case of Rajnagar RO underground mine.
- ii. The Regional Office Bhopal shall carry out inspection of the area included in the forest land diversion proposal of Rajnagar RO underground mine whose Stage-II Approval has not been obtained till date and submit a report regarding the violation of FCA,1980.
- iii. The Regional Office shall examine the area proposed to be used for over burden dumps, Belt, CHP & Sliding etc. in the instant case and submit a report regarding violation of FCA,1980.
- iv. The State shall revisit the Compensatory Afforestation areas keeping in view the observations raised by the Regional Office in Site Inspection Report and take corrective measures accordingly. The Regional Office shall ensure that the corrective measures as envisaged in the SIR have been taken by the State.

In view of the above, it is requested to furnish the information as above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
3. User Agency;
4. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.