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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,

Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi - 110003 Dated: 13th December, 2021

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The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai.

Sub: Diversion of 193.19ha of forest land for underground mining of coal for Mahakali Colliery In favour of Western Coal Fields Limited in Chanderpur in Maharashtra submitted by the State Government of Maharashtra – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra letter no. Desk-17/Nodal/Chandrapur/11403/1112/21-22 dated 29.09.2021.

In this regard, it has been observed that the State Government has not taken action and submitted report as per the recommendations of FAC communicated vide Ministry's letter of even no. dated 09.01.2020 (**Copy enclosed**).

Therefore, it is again requested requested to furnish the point wise compliance of the Stage-1 approval, keeping in view the recommendations of the FAC as mentioned above.

Yours sincerely, Sd/-(Suneet Bhardwaj) Asst. Inspector General of Forests

Copy to: -

- 1. The PCCF & HoFF, Department of Forests, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
- 2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
- 3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
- 4. User Agency;
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEFCC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.

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Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 1100 03. Dated: १६८ January, 2020

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Sir,

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- i. State Government/User Agency should comply with the specific conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval.
- ii. State Government shall take credible action against the erring persons/authorities on account of violation committed in the matter and same should be informed to Ministry.

In view of above, the State Government is requested to take appropriate action as indicated above and submit detailed report to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully. 01.202e

(Brijendra Swaroop) Dy Inspector General of Forests

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- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator Forests, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- 2. Dy. Director General (Central), Regional Office, Nagpur.
- 3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell.

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