

File No. 6-MPR004/2022-BHO (E- 175974)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 18-12-2025

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

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Diversion of 28.02 ha of Protected Forest land in Survey No. PF-807 & 809 for extraction of manganese ore mining through open cast method in favour of M/s Arpan Ferro Alloys in Balaghat District of Madhya Pradesh (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/19894/2016)- regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-1/831/2021/10-11/608 dated 17/02/2022 on the subject proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the proposal was considered in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 02.12.2025. The detailed minutes of the said meeting is placed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in. After examination of the proposal, the Committee deferred the proposal for want of the following information:

- i. The IBM on 09.06.2021 has revoked the Mining plan of the instant proposal and the matter for validity of the Mining Plan is under consideration with the Honourable High Court, which implies that the matter is sub judice with regard to the validity of the mining plan and there is no valid mining plan as on date. The state shall submit the proposal along with a valid mining plan.
- ii. The Mineral Resource Department., Government of Madhya Pradesh vide order dated 22.11.2019 extended the validity of the Lol from 11.01.2019 to 10.01.2021. Thus valid Lol is not available as on date. The State shall submit the proposal along with a valid Lol in favour of the user agency.
- iii. The state has not submitted any justification regarding the validity of the Lol in light of provisions of section 10 A (2) (c) of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015. The state shall give justification in this regard.
- iv. The comments of the Ministry of mines shall be obtained on the validity of the Lol in light of provisions of section 10 A (2) (c) of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015.
- v. The State Government shall submit the component wise KML file including each component. Further, as per KML file the proposed mineral evacuation road is terminating within the forest area, therefore the correct KML file shall be submitted.

- vi. The non site specific activities like muck dumping over 4 Ha and staff quarters on 1 ha etc. shall be shifted to non-forest land.
3. In view of above, the State Government is requested to furnish the information, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal in the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhopal.
3. The APCCF–cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading the letter on PARIVESH portal.