

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

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Dated: January, 2024

To

The Regional Officer,
Integrated Regional Office,
Raipur, MoEF&CC.

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 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 the Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. 5-45/2006/10-2 dated 01.02.2023 on above subject forwarding compliance report of conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval dated 03.03.2010 and to say that compliance report has been received after ~13 years. Accordingly, RO, Raipur is requested to carry out the site inspection of the area proposed for diversion and Compensatory Afforestation. It is also requested to verify if there is any violation of Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam 1980 and submit the detailed report to the Ministry for further necessary action in the matter.

As the Original file of the instant proposal is not traceable in the Ministry it is also requested to collect the documents as available with the State Government related to the instant proposal and submit the same along with SIR to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. The Nodal officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division.