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

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**Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2021**

**To,**  
**The Principal Secretary Forests,**  
**Department of Forests and Environment,**  
 Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
 Bhopal.

**Sub: Renewal for diversion of 100 hectares of forest land for Jayant Project of the Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Siddhi District, Madhya Pradesh -regarding.**

**Sir/Madam,**

I am directed to refer to the APCCF (Land Management) and the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter no. F-1/201/89/10-11/1962 dated 07<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal by the Forest Advisory Committee constituted by the Central Government under Section-3 of the said Act, '**In-principle**' /**Stage -I** approval to the proposal was accorded vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated 06<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed therein. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of all the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and has requested the Central Government to accord Final/Stage-II approval.

2. In this connection, I am directed to say that on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Land Management) and the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/201/1989/10-11/3076 dated 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2019, letter no. F-1/201/1989/10-11/3000 dated 09.09.2020 and letter No. F-1/201/1989/10-11/3725 dated 05.11.2020 '**Final approval/Stage – II**' of the Central Government is hereby accorded under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Renewal for diversion of 100 hectares of forest land for Jayant Project of the Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Siddhi District, Madhya Pradesh subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. *The State Govt. shall ensure that the remaining amount of Compensatory Afforestation deposited by the user agency for the diversion of forest land in the instant proposal may be utilized for improving the survival percentage of the Compensatory Afforestation patches created in lieu of diversion;*

iii. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over

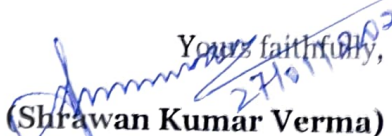
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- 221.138 ha. degraded forest land (Compartment / Khasra No. 6,132,307/1,624,634,75, 91,7/1, 345/1, 486, 474/4, a, b, c,83, 84, 88,697, 718/1,1782, 1779, 1520, 18, 19, 8/1043, 8/1044,1520,634,22,12-16,17/1-19/2,792/1,384/1 in the District of Sidhi) at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
- iv. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;
  - v. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
  - vi. The proposed forest land i.e. 100 ha. shall be handed over to the User Agency only after, the required non-forest land for the project is acquired over by the user agency;
  - vii. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986;
  - viii. The User Agency either itself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake fencing, protection and afforestation of the safety zone area (7.5 meter 113 strip shall be kept within the mining lease or mining cluster, as applicable and such other areas as specified in the approved mining plan) at the project cost. Area of safety zone of a mining lease shall be a part of the total area of the mining lease;
  - ix. The period of diversion of the said forest land shall be for 20 years from the date grant of extension of lease under the provisions of MMDR amendment Act, 2015;
  - x. The user agency shall undertake mining and reclamation of the mined out area as per the approved mining plan and the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
  - xi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
  - xii. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on forest areas;
  - xiii. The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease area and safety zone shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
  - xiv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
  - xv. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government;
  - xvi. The change in the layout plan of the mining lease, if required, shall be done as prescribed in the MoEF&CC Guideline F, No. 11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018;

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- xvii. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;
- xviii. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;
- xix. The Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of comprehensive guidelines issued vide this Ministry F. No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019;
- xx. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried out by the State Government and user agency;
- xxi. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance of all conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order (S), if any, pertaining to this project for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

Yours faithfully,  
  
**(Shrawan Kumar Verma)**

Dy. Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. The Pr.CCF & HoFF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
2. The Dy. Director General (Central), Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal.
3. The Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.