

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

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Dated: 17th February, 2023

To  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Government of Chhattisgarh,  
Raipur.

**Sub: Proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section -2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forestry use of 238.373 ha of forest land in favour of M/s South Eastern Coalfields Limited for Baroud Expansion Open Cast Coal Mining project (3 MT) in Raigarh District of Chhattisgarh. -regarding (online Proposal No.FP/CG/MIN/30359/2012).**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Chhattisgarh's letter no. 5-33/2005/10-2 dated 11.01.2023 wrt the above mentioned subject vide which additional information was submitted. In this regard it is to inform that the proposal was considered in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 27.01.2023 and after going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made by the Nodal Officer, the Committee deferred the proposal for want of specific comments of Chief Wildlife Warden on the reported movement of wildlife in the area and mitigating measures and its recommendation w.r.t. the proposal. The Committee desired that the Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Chhattisgarh may be present in person in the next Advisory Committee meeting for further discussion.

In view of the above, I am directed to request the State Government to furnish information/documents, as indicated above, to the Ministry for further necessary action in the matter and also direct Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt. of Chhattisgarh to attend the next Advisory Committee meeting in person scheduled on 23.02.2023 for further discussion.

Yours faithfully

**(Dr. Dheeraj Mittal)**  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest Dept, Aranya Bhavan, Raipur
3. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, Raipur.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.