

File No.: 8-8/2018-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: As per e-Sign

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forest & Climate Change,
Government of Chhattisgarh,
Raipur.

Subject:- Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s South Eastern Coalfield Limited for non-forestry use of 402.966 ha of forest land for Kushmunda and Laxman Opencast Coal Mining Projects in Korba District of Chhattisgarh (Online Proposal No. FP/CG/MIN/22244/2005) – reg.

Madam/Sir,

Please refer to Government of Chhattisgarh letter no. F 5-04/2007/10-2 dated 22.01.2025 on the above mentioned subject. In this context, as per the earlier information provided by State Govt. vide letter no. Bhu-Prabandh/Khanij/331-215/2692 dated 07.12.2023, it was informed that the total mined out reclaimed revenue forest land proposed for surrendering to Forest Department for notification under IFA, 1927 is 52.164 ha.

However, as per the letter no. F 5-04/2007/10-2 dated 22.01.2025, State Govt. has now submitted notification of only 33.564 ha of revenue forest land under Sub-section (1) of section 4 of IFA, 1927 as 'Reserved Forest'.

Therefore, the State Govt. is requested to furnish the notification of total reclaimed revenue forest land (52.164 ha) as per the condition (xi) stipulated in the Stage-I approval.

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy to:

1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.

2. The DDGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.
3. The sub-office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Raipur.
4. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.