

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

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Dated: 2nd February, 2024

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Mumbai.

Subject: Diversion of 146.996 ha. forest land for Integrated Coal Mining including post mine reclamation in Marki-Mangli II coal block in Yavatmal District of Maharashtra State in favour of M/s Yazdani International Private Limited (Online No. FP/MH/MIN/145510/2021) - reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-145510/Yavatmal/2827 dated 01.01.2024 on the above cited subject. In this regard following shortcomings have been observed in the information submitted by the State Govt.:-

- i. The software calculated area of KML file of forest land proposed for diversion is found 144.744 ha instead of 146.996 ha as per the proposal. The KML file of safety zone comprising an area of 2.454 ha forest land has not been submitted. Therefore the State Govt. shall upload the correct KML file including the safety zone and other components.
- ii. The component wise KML files of forest as well as the Non-forest land involved in the project showing the present land use and the land use upto conceptual stage (post mining) shall be submitted.
- iii. The diversion of a seasonal nallah has been proposed within the mining lease, however the copy of approval /NOC from the concerned State authority has not been submitted.
- iv. The state has mentioned that the proposal may be considered for incentives as applicable. In this regard the state govt is requested to examine the areas proposed for compensatory afforestation and give specific recommendations regarding the eligibility of the area for incentives and the quantum of applicable incentive. State Govt. shall ascertain the requirement of Compensatory Afforestation land in the instant proposal as per the Schedule-II given under Sub-Rule 13 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
- v. It has been mentioned that certain areas within the proposed CA land have a canopy density greater than 0.4. In case of such areas a programme for improvement of the forest crop in the proposed shall be submitted as per rules.
- vi. Translated copy of NoC given by the FDCM in the instant proposal has not been provided which shall be submitted.
- vii. The State Govt. has not clarified whether the advice of NTCA in the instant case

has been taken. or not?

Accordingly, it is requested to furnish the above-mentioned information to this Ministry for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
2. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.