

File No.: 8-80/2006-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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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 Coalfields Limited (SECL) for diversion of 174.925 ha (Originally proposed area 206.638 ha.) of forest land for Deepika Expansion Open Cast Mining Project in Korba District, in the State of Chhattisgarh- regarding.

Madam/Sir,

Please refer to Government of Chhattisgarh letter no. F 5-40/2005/10-2 dated 04.02.2025 on the above mentioned subject. In this context, the compliance report submitted by the State Government has been examined and following have been observed:-

- i. With reference to compliance of condition at S.No.(ii) of letter dated 30.09.2024, the State Government shall submit surrender plan for handing over the forest area where mining has already been done and the land is not being used for mining or any other purpose.
- ii. With reference to compliance of condition at S.No.(iii) of letter dated 30.09.2024, the calculation of NPV has been made in the demand note raised by DFO, Katghora as per old rates of NPV. Further, calculation of penalty of 5 times of NPV has also not been included in Demand Note by DFO. The State Government shall look into the matter and do the needful.
- iii. As per condition No.S no(i), the State Government was asked to ensure that CA and Penal CA will be carried over (105 ha+ 347 ha) DFL identified in Mahasamund Forest Division and Surajpur Forest Division. However, as per reply received, the State has deposited the fund for CA land of 349.85 ha and Penal Ca (101.744 ha) in CAMPA fund. The state shall submit clarification in this regard
- iv. Vide letter dated 30.09.2024 the State Government was also asked to submit the complete compliance of all conditions of Stage-1 letter dated 20th October, 2006 along with those stipulated in letter dated 30.09.2024.

However, the same has not been submitted by the State. The needful is therefore required to be done.

In view of the above, it is requested to furnish the above information/compliance for further processing the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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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.