

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

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**Dated: 23rd  
February, 2022**

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 proect (3 MT) in Raigarh District of Chhattisgarh.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Chhattisgarh's letter No. 5-33/2005/10-2 dated 3.12.2019 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and letter no. 5-33/2005/10-2 dated 5.04.2021 and letter no. 5-33/2005/10-2 dated 3.01.2022 forwarding additional information as sought by the Ministry and to say that the above proposal was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 27.01.2022. The detailed minutes of the FAC meeting held on 27.01.2022 is placed on the website of this Ministry: [www.parivesh.nic.in](http://www.parivesh.nic.in). The FAC, after going through the facts of the proposal, observations of the of the Regional Officer, IRO, Raipur in their site inspection report and detailed deliberation with the Nodal Officer of the State Government on the various aspects, the **Committee deferred the proposal** seeking following information:

- i. Impact on the cost benefit ratio of the project, if any, due to leaving a buffer area of 100 meters contiguous to river Kurket as per the recommendation of IRO may be worked by the State and the same may be intimated to the Committee.
- ii. State Government may provide details of major wildlife and wildlife movements recorded in the area during last five years. In this regard, comments of Chief wild life warden of the State may be submitted.
- iii. State Government may inform if any study or detail of hydrological regimes of the area is available for the area. Detail of the same may be informed to the Committee. If the same is not available, a study on effect of mining on the hydrology of the area may be conducted and user agency has to submit an undertaking that it will carry out all mitigation measures at its own cost as suggested in the study report.
- iv. Comprehensive plan/schemes on the soil and moisture conservation works in


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the area contiguous to the river bed will be implemented by the user Agency.  
v. State government shall clarify if NPV, as applicable, has been charged from the User agency.

In view of the above, the State Government is requested to submit to information/documents, as indicated above, for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

 Sd/-  
**(Charan Jeet Singh)**  
Scientist 'D'

**Copy to:**

1. The PCCF (HoFF), State Forest Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
2. The PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, State Forest Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
3. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Raipur.
4. User Agency
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi
6. Guard File