

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

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Jor Bag Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi – 110003
Dated: As per E-sign

To,

The Dy. DGF (Central),
Regional Office, MoEF&CC,
Nagpur

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 12.07 forest land for Sakhari-Irawati (Pouni III) Opencast Mine Project in Reserve Forest Compartment No. R-603 in favour of M/s Western Coalfields Limited in Chandrapur District of Maharashtra State (Online No. FP/MH/MIN/8832/2014) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer the Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-3616/CR-01/F-10 dated 10.06.2021 regarding proposal on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 27.01.2025. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in. After detailed deliberation on the matter, the Committee **deferred** the proposal for diversion of 12.07 forest land for Sakhari-Irawati (Pouni III) Opencast Mine Project for want of following information:

- i. The Regional Office, Nagpur shall examine the requirement of Compensatory Afforestation in the instant proposal in view of latest guidelines issued by the Ministry and shall inspect the degraded forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation in the instant proposal and accordingly submit a report along with clear recommendations within a week.

In view of the above, it is requested to furnish the information as above for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by
Suneet Bhardwaj
Date: 03-02-2025 09:55:45

Sd/-

(Suneet Bhardwaj)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai;
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
3. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.