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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bag Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110003 Dated: September, 2023

To,

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

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 699.34 ha (400.96 ha in Chatra South Forest Division and 298.42 ha in Hazaribagh West Forest Division) of forest land for Chandragupt Opencast Coal mining project in favour of M/s Central Coalfield Limited in Jharkhand (Online No.FP/JH/MIN/140599/2021) – regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to Government of Jharkhand's letter No. Van Bhumi-37/2022-3203/V.P. dated 22.08.2023 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to request that the Regional Office, Ranchi of this Ministry shall carryout the inspection of the forest land proposed for diversion, sites identified for compensatory afforestation (CA) and submit a detailed site inspection report (SIR) with clear recommendations to this Ministry for further necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by S(Pr) Surabhi Rai) Deputy Inspector General of Forests Date: 22-09-2023 10:39:50

Copy to:

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