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**Dated: February, 2024**

To  
**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Chhattisgarh,  
Raipur.

**Sub: 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 Coalfield Limited for non-forestry use of 402.966 ha of forest land for Kushmunda and Laxman Opencast Coal Mining Projects in Korba District of Chhattisgarh (Online Proposal No. FP/CG/MIN/22244/2005) – reg.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA) letter dated 16.01.2024 on above subject wherein it has been informed that the reclaimed revenue forest land cannot be notified as RF/PF. In this regard it is informed that the matter was discussed in the AC meeting held on 17.01.2024 and it has been reiterated that reclaimed revenue forest land has to be notified into RF to complete the compliance of stage -I approval dated 26.04.2018.

In view of the above, the state Government is once again requested to notify the said revenue forest land into RF/PF as per the condition stipulated in the Stage-I approval at an earliest.

Yours faithfully

**Sd/-**

**(Amit Anand)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

**Copy to:**

1. PCCF (HoFF), State Forest Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
2. DDGF (Central), Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Nagpur.
3. APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o PCCF, State Forest Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
4. IGF (Central), sub-office of MoEF&CC at Raipur.
5. User Agency.
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.