

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

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Dated: As per E-Sign

To,

1. Shri Nityanand Srivastava,
K-509 Govt. Bunglows,
Sector 20, Gandhinagar 382021.

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

3. Shri Suneet Bhardwaj,
AIGF(FC), MOEFCC.

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 53.142 ha forest land in compartment No PF-261, Waidhan Range of Singrauli Forest Division for Khadia Expansion Open Cast Coal Mine Project by M/s Northern Coalfields Ltd. (NCL) under Singrauli District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/149270/2021) - regarding.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Madhya Pradesh letter No. F-1/844/2023/10-11/695 dated 31.01.2024 on the above mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of Central Government under Section-2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam and to say that the said proposal was placed before the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 05.03.2025. The minutes of the meeting of the AC may kindly be seen at www.parivesh.nic.in and after going through the facts of the proposal, the Committee recommended that:

To examine the proposal in holistic manner, keeping in view the facts of the case and other ecological considerations important for considering such proposals, a Sub-Committee shall visit the project area and submit a detailed report. The Sub-Committee shall comprise of the following members:

- a. Shri Nityanand Srivastava, Non- Official Member of Advisory Committee.
- b. DDGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal.
- c. Shri Suneet Bhardwaj, AIG(FC) MOEFCC.

The above sub-committee will be assisted by APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer,

Government of Madhya Pradesh for all needful support and logistics.

Accordingly, it is requested to submit the detailed report for further necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

Digitally signed by
SUNEET BHARDWAJ
Date: 13-03-2025
09:57:35

(Suneet Bhardwaj)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
2. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
3. The Dy. DGF (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
4. The Nodal Officer, Department of Forest Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
5. User Agency;
6. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.