

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

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**Dated: 13-03-2025**

**Office Memorandum**

**Sub: 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 338.74 ha of forest land for Coal Mining in Barjora (North) Coal Mine Block in favour of West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDC), Bankura District, West Bengal (Online Proposal No. FP/WB/MIN/43000/2019)-reg.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and inform that the proposal was discussed in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 05.03.2025. After thorough deliberation the Advisory Committee (AC) decided to defer the proposal and *inter-alia* recommended that a sub committee consisting of following members shall visit the project area and holistically examine the proposal keeping in view the facts of the case and other ecological considerations important for considering such proposals along with the aspects of elephant movement and human elephant conflict:

1. Sh. Nityanand Srivastava, Non- Official Member of Advisory Committee.
  2. DDGF (Central), RO Bhubaneswar.
  3. Representative of Project Elephant Division of MoEFCC
  4. A scientist/representative from WII, Dehradun.
2. The above sub-committee will be assisted by Nodal Officer, Government of West Bengal for all needful support and logistics.

Sd/-  
(Suneet Bhardwaj)  
Assistant Inspector General of Forests

To

1. Additional Chief Secretary (Forests), Government of West Bengal, Kolkata - 700098.
2. PCCF (HoFF), West Bengal Department of Forests, Aranya Bhavan, Block-LA, 10-A, Sector-III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700098.
3. DDGF (Central), Sub-Office Kolkata under the jurisdiction of RO Bhubaneswar.
4. Nodal Officer, Department of Forest and Environment, Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
5. Director, WII, Dehradun.

6. User Agency.
7. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi.
8. All members of the sub-committee.

**Copy for information:**

1. PSO to DGF&SS/ PPS to ADGF- (FC), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
2. PS to IGF (FC), MoEF&CC, New Delhi.