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

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**Dated: April, 2023**

To,

**The Principal Secretary (Forests),**  
Government of Madhya Pradesh,  
Bhopal.

**Subject: Diversion of 151.095 ha forest land including 142.075 ha forest land in Forest Compartment No. RF-827 & RF-828 of Burhar Range of South Shahdol Forest Division and 9.020 ha Revenue forest land under various Khasra's for Bikram Coal Block Open cast & underground Coal Mining Project in favour of M/s Birla Corporation Limited under Shahdol District of Madhya Pradesh State (Online No. FP/MP/MIN/49537/2020) – regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Principal Chief conservator of Forests (Land Management) and Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Madhya Pradesh's letter No. F-1/829/2021/10-11/1132 dated 15.03.2023 submitting justification regarding repeated changes in CA area of the in-principally approved proposal mentioned above. In this regard, after examining the present request for change in CA site, the following shortcomings have been observed:

- i. The revenue papers/land record along with cadastral map of the revised area now proposed for Compensatory Afforestation shall be submitted.
- ii. Approved revised CA scheme of newly proposed 36.185 ha non-forest CA land shall be submitted.
- iii. Since CA is an important component to mitigate the impact of diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes. Therefore the State Govt. shall ensure that the proposed CA area is free from all encumbrances and is in conformity with the provisions laid down in Ministry's guidelines issued from time to time and those issued vide letter no. 11-423/2011-FC dated 13.07.2021.
- iv. DGPS map & Survey of India (Sol) Toposheet Map showing the newly proposed CA site shall be submitted.
- v. As per DSS analysis(Copy enclosed), part of proposed CA land is falling in the forest land i.e. Range: Barondha, Compartment No. 147 of Satna Forest Division. This needs to be verified through ground truthing and relevant record.

Accordingly, it is requested that the information as indicated above may be submitted for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

**Signed by Suneet Bhardwaj**  
**Date: 17-04-2023 10:54:37**

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

**Copy to:**

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2. The Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhopal;
3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal;
4. User Agency;
5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading on PARIVESH portal.

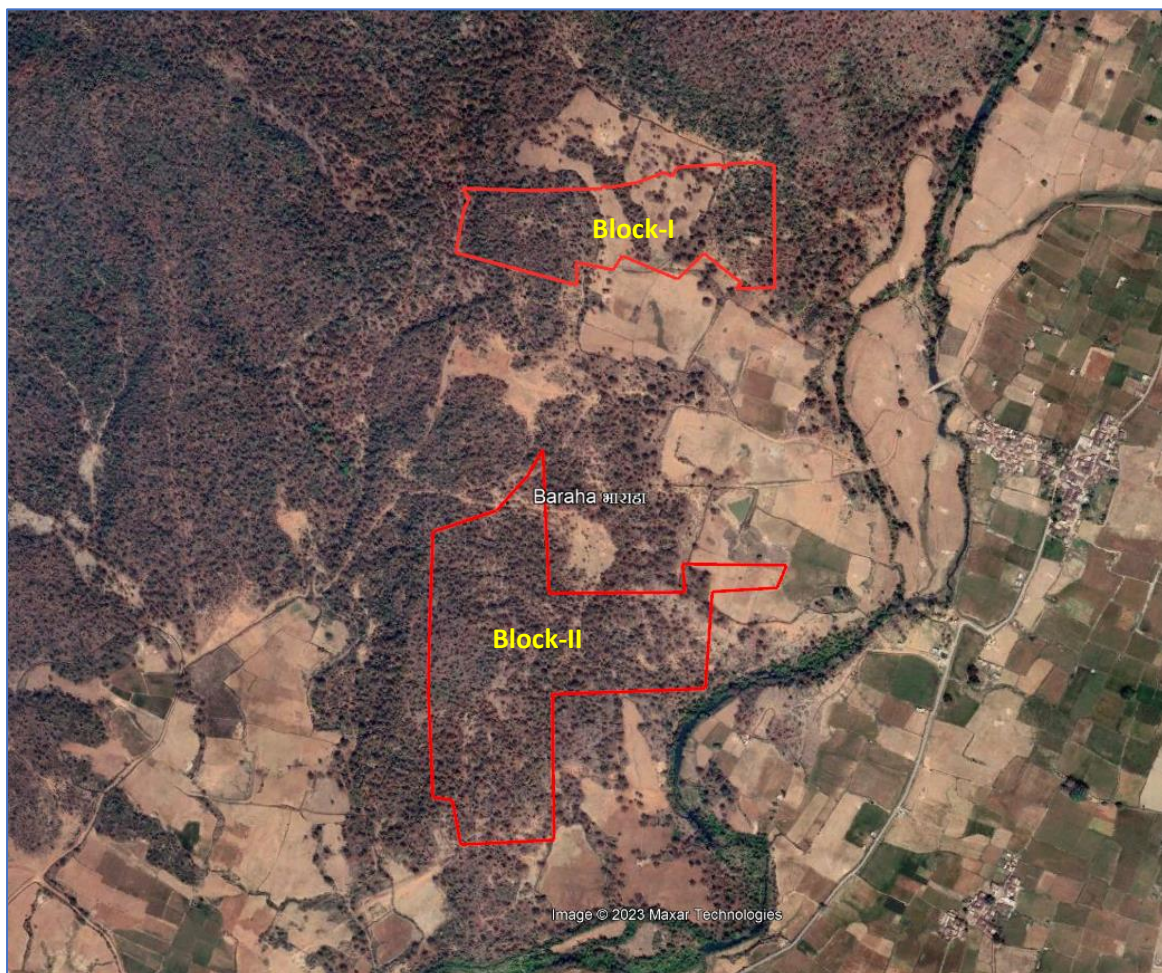
**Proposal: - Diversion of 151.095 ha forest land for Bikram Coal Mine of M/s Birla Corporation Limited**

The State Govt. vide their letter No F-1/829/2021/10-11/251 dated 17.01.2023 informed that छिन्दवाड़ा जिले के तहसील परासिया के ग्राम दीधावानी की प्रस्तावित राजस्व भूमि खसरा नम्बर 105 की 36.340 हे राजस्व भूमि जो कि Nationalisation Act 1973 के तहत रावनवाड़ा कॉलरी को लीज के रूप में प्राप्त होने के कारण उक्त भूमि वन विभाग को वनीकरण हेतु हस्तान्तरित नहीं की जा सकती है। Therefore, a new CA site in Village: Barha, Majhgawa Tehsil, Satna District has been given by the user agency for CA.

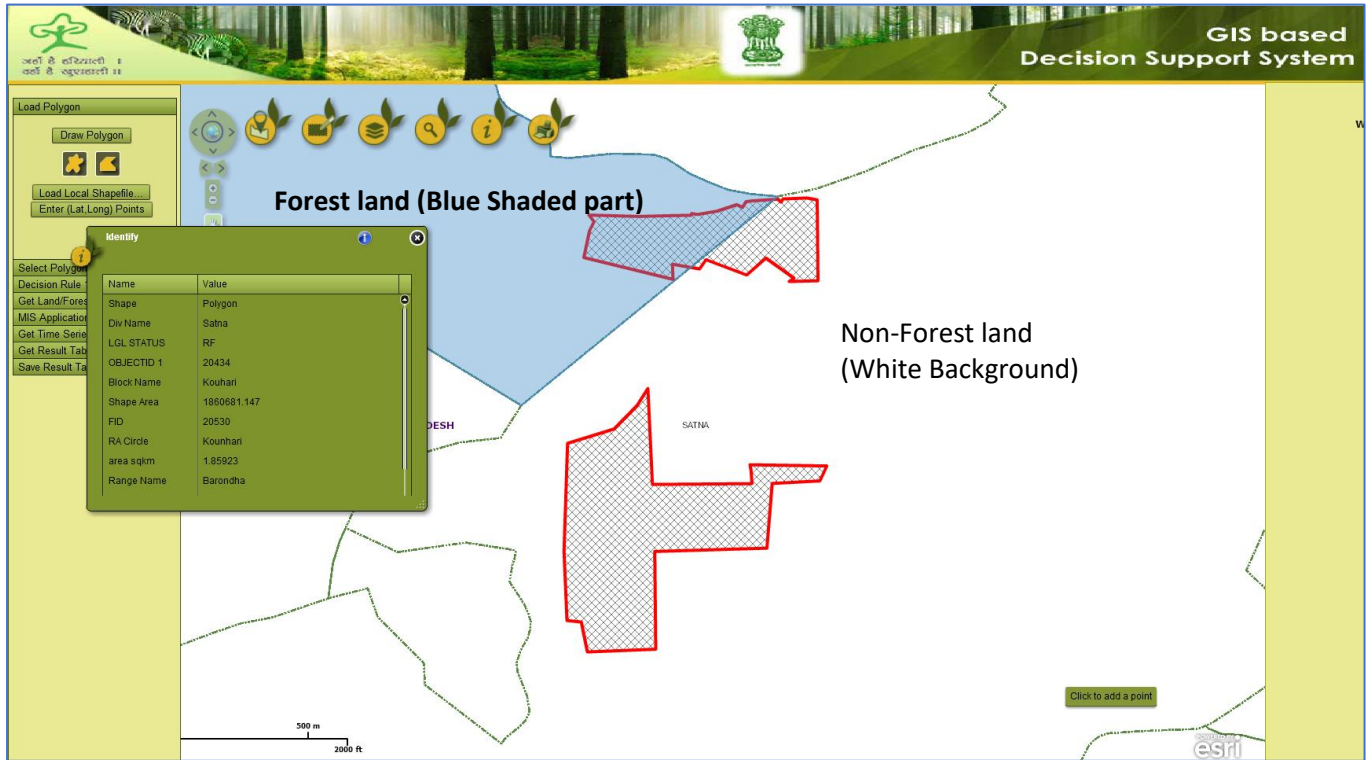
**Observations on the new CA site at Village: Barha, Majhgawa Tehsil, Satna District:**

- a) Total area of newly proposed CA land is found 36.0481 ha instead of 36.185 ha as reported by the State Govt.
- b) The DGPS map & Survey of India (SoI) Toposheet Map showing the newly proposed CA site is not given. Hence, the State Govt. may be requested to provide the same.
- c) **Forest Cover: Out of 36 ha (DSS Calculated)** 35 ha of land is characterized with Moderately Dense Forest and 1 ha is Non Forest (Non-wooded) in terms of forest classes (as per the ISFR 2019) based on the interpretation of satellite data period 2017-2018.
- d) As per DSS, part of proposed CA land is falling in the forest land i.e. Range: Barondha, Compartment No. 147 of Satna Forest Division. The State Govt. may be requested to verify the legal status of proposed CA land.
- e) The State Govt. may be requested to provide the cadastral map of newly proposed CA land.

Google imagery showing the newly proposed CA land at Village: **Barha, Majhgawa Tehsil, Satna District**



**DSS Map showing the part of proposed CA land is falling in the Forest land**



Submitted please

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