F. No. 8-80/2006-FC Government of India Ministry of Environment & Forests (FC Division)

Paryavaran Bhawan, C.G.O Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110510. Dated: 22nd April, 2010

To

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

Sub: Diversion of 206.638 ha of forest land for Deepika Expansion Open Cast Mining Project of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) in Korba District, Chhattisgarh.

Sir.

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter no. F - 5 - 40 / 2005 / 10 - 2 dated 15.06.2006 and compliance report dated 10.11.2009 on the subject cited above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to inform that the Competent Authority has desired to know 'whether rights of scheduled tribes and other traditions forest dwellers have been settled as per the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditions Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006' for which an advisory dated 03.08.2009 has been issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

In view of the above, I am directed to request you to kindly furnish the compliance as required in the advisory (copy enclosed) already circulated to all State/UT Governments at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

(C.D. Singh)

Sr. Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.

2. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office, Bhopal.

3. The Nodal Officer, Forest Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.

4. User Agency.

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