

F. No. 8-80/2006-FC
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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New Delhi - 110003
Dated: 18th November, 2014

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 M/s South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) in Korba District, Chhattisgarh – reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 20.10.2006 wherein Central Government has granted in-principle approval for Deepika Expansion open cast mining project of M/s South eastern Coalfields Limited and subsequent reminder dated 14.10.2008 and 22.04.2010 requesting the State Government to submit the compliance report on conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval letter dated 20.10.2006.

In this connection, it is to inform that examination of the matter in the Ministry revealed that instead of submitting compliance report within a period of 5 years as stipulated under Forest (Conservation) Second Amendment Rules, 2014 State Government has not submitted the complete compliance of conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval, even after laps of 7 years and 11 months. Therefore, I am directed to request the State Government to inform why not the Stage-I clearance issued vide Ministry of Environment & Forests letter dated 20.10.2006 be revoked in accordance with aforementioned Rules 2014. The clarification may please be submitted within 60 days from the date of issue of this letter failing which the Stage-I approval accorded dated 21.10.2006 will be summarily revoked.

Yours faithfully


(M. Rajkumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
2. The Nodal Officer, Forest Deptt., Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur
3. The Addl. PCCF(Central), Regional Office (WZ) Bhopal-462016
4. General Manager, SECL, Gavera Area Korba, Korba District, Chhattisgarh
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