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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi: 110003, **Dated: April, 2023**

Office Memorandum

Subject: Diversion of 109.459 ha of forest land for Open Cast Coal Mining Project at Gourangdih ABC coal mine in favour of WB Mineral Development and Trading Corporation under Durgapur Forest Division, West Bengal.

I am directed to refer to the above subject proposal and to convey that the instant proposal has been considered by Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 24.03.2023. The minutes of the meeting are available on PARIVESH portal at www.parivesh.nic.in.

2. The Advisory Committee *inter-alia* recommended that:

"Since the composition of the Advisory Committee has now been changed and the sub-committee as constituted earlier could not visit the area, therefore, a committee consisting of Advisory Committee member Shri Manoj Pant and representatives of Ministry/IRO shall visit the area and submit report".

3. In view of above, the following committee is hereby constituted for the purpose:

- i. Shri Manoj Pant,FAC Member
- ii. Smt Soma Das IRO Kolkata
- iii. Nodal Officer Kolkata
- 4. The committee shall visit the site and submit their report at the earliest.

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

To:

- 1. Shri Manoj Pant, FAC Member
- 2. The Committee members as above.

Copy for information to:

1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of West Bengal

Kolkata.

- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
- 3. The Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o the PCCF (HoFF), Government of West Bengal, Kolkata.
- 4. User agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
- 6. PPS to DGF&SS/PPS to ADGF (FC)/PPS to IGF (FC).