

File No. **8-69/2003-FC**
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Forest Conservation Division)

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To

The Principal Secretary (Forests)

Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 128.97 ha. of Forest Land for Open Cast Mining Project in Namchik-Namphuk Coal Fields in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh– regarding request for transfer of lease in respect of diversion of forest land for open cast coal mining in Namchak Namphuk Coal Mine in changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh along with Stage-I and Stage-II approval granted in favour of M/s. Arunachal Pradesh Mineral Development & Trading Corporation Limited to M/s. Coal Pulz Private Limited (Online Proposal No. FP/AR/MIN/611/2003)- regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to above mentioned subject and to inform that the issue related to proposal for seeking prior approval of Central Government **for diversion of 128.97 ha. of Reserved Forest for Open Cast Mining Project in Namchik-Namphuk Coal Fields in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh** was considered by the Advisory Committee (AC) in its meeting held on 16.04.2025. The detailed minutes of the said meeting is placed on the website of this Ministry: www.parivesh.nic.in.

The Advisory Committee, after detailed discussion and deliberation with the DIGF (Central), Regional Office, Shillong and Nodal Officer, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, desired that before taking further view on the proposal, the following additional information may be furnished by the State Government for its further consideration by the Committee:

- i. Justification of the State Government for proposing CA over degraded forest land instead of non-forest land as was approved in the in-principle approval. It may also be informed whether certificate from a suitable officer certifying the non-availability of non-forest land has been obtained by the user agency. 3 11-91/2012FC I/107834/2025
- ii. Detail of 130 ha of non-forest land identified and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department to raise CA in lieu of forest area diverted under this proposal.
- iii. Area of 4.63 ha earmarked for safety zone should be included in the proposal and accordingly, updated detail of CA and area proposed for diversion should be submitted by the State. Proposal of CA should be submitted in accordance with the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.

- iv. Component wise breakup or land use given in the approved Mining Plan and proposed in the proposal appears to be varying, the State Government should therefore ensure that land use proposed in the proposal are in consonance with the land use proposed in the approved Mining Plan.

This issue with the approval of Competent Authority of the Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Charan Jeet Singh)
Scientist 'E'

Copy to:

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Department of Forest, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
2. DDGF (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shillong.
3. The APCCF–cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Shimla.
4. The User Agency.
5. The Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi for uploading.